

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., PROPOSED PROJECT KARIGATTA LIMESTONE MINE WITH PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 1.0 MTPA IN THE MINE LEASE AREA OF 119.64 Ha AT SY.NO.489/1, ML NO.2015, LOCATED AT VILLAGES- SEDAM AND INJEPALLI, SEDAM TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 11/09/2020 AT 11.00 AM.

VENUE: At Cement Corporation of India (CCI) Colony, Near Temple, Kurkunta, Tq: Sedam, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State

M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD., has proposed project Karigatta Lime Stone Mine with production capacity of 1.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of 119.64 Ha at Sy.No. 489/1, ML NO.2015 located at villages- Sedam & Injepalli, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

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The Public Hearing was conducted as per the EIA Notification of MoEF & CC, Government of India, Dt. 14.09.2006 and subsequent amendment dated 01-12-2009.

Public Hearing Panel:

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1	Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District	Chairperson

OFFICERS PRESENT:

1. Sri Ramesh Kolar, Assistant Commissioner, Sedam.
2. Sri C.N. Manjappa , Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S. CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD PRESENT IN THE MEETING,

1	Sri Sharad Kumar	Addl.General Manager, CCI
2	Sri M. Kishan Rao	Employee, CCI
3	Sri Basawaraj Patil	Employee, CCI
4	Sri Deepak Kumar	Dy.Manager,CCI
5	Sri M.K.Shukla	Dy.Manager-Mines, CCI
6	Sri A.K.Singh	Executive Incharge, CCI Kurkunta
7	Sri Omprakash Kumar	General Manager-GMEC International, Jaipur
8	Sri Sahil Alwaria	Environmental Engineer-GMEC International, Jaipur

The attendance extract of public participated in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is a prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or his/her representative not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (I.A Division), Government of India, Terms of Reference (TOR) letter No. J-11015/112/2018-IA.II (M) New Delhi dated 30.08.2019 for production of limestone mine with capacity of 1.0 MTPA in the mine lease area of 119.64 Ha and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter 16.10.2019, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 11.09.2020 at project site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "Udayavani" and English daily news paper "Deccan Herald" on 10th August, 2020. The public hearing notification was also issued in the local Kannada daily news paper "Sanjevani" on 13/08/2020. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited. Affected people could send their suggestions, objections,



grievances, etc., either orally or written or through e-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification/at the time of public hearing.

The copy of the EIA draft report and executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references to the General Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi.
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Kalaburagi.
3. District Industries Centre, Kalaburagi.
4. CMC, Sedam.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Madkal Village, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi.
7. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi.
8. South Zone Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Bangalore.
9. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church Street, Bangalore.

The Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi, Sri C.N. Manjappa, has welcomed the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi, all the public, the officials of all departments and others who were present on the occasion. He has briefed the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification. He informed that accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public Hearing and the documents kept for the Public Hearing at different places. He has requested the Deputy Commissioner, to preside over the Public Hearing. He has informed the public to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of this hearing. Entire proceedings was Videographed and audio. Environmental Officer informed the project proponent to make presentation of their project proposal to the public.

Accordingly, Sri Basavaraj Patil representative of the project presented the salient features of the project viz the executive summary - background of the project, Land requirement, proposed activity, solid and Hazardous waste management, Water requirement, mining type, production details, Air Pollution sources and Control measures proposed, Base line study, Ambient air quality, Noise environment, Water environment,

Surface water quality, Ground water quality, land environment, biological environment, anticipated environmental impacts, Green belt development, CSR and environmental management plan of the proposed project. The presentation made by the project proponent in the public hearing is enclosed in Annexure -II.

After the detailed presentation made by the factory representative, the Deputy Commissioner, has raised a platform for public hearing with special instructions to present their views and comments only to environmental issues of the project. The stage was open to public for their hearing.

The written suggestions/ objections submitted to the Board and submitted at the time of the hearing are enclosed as Annexure-III.

Further, the following persons expressed their concerns in the public hearing are as follows:

1) Sri Kashinath, Kurkunta Village;

I am requesting to start of CCI Factory.

2) Sri Ambu Nayak, Betagera Gate, Kurkunta Village;

Sy.No.65, 66 have been acquired by the Government. Compensation not given by the company.

3) Sri Ramayya Pujari, Member, APMC, Sedam;

We already told in previous meetings to restart of the mining and industry. If this is started then only this area development will take place. We have 100% hope that the industry will restart its operation. Since, 3 days this meetings are going on & I have hope of restart of the plant. Our Sri Sharanappa & others have submitted representation, CCI has to respond to it. Sri Desai and Sri Narayan Rao have fighting for it. Now BJP government has came and factory has to be started so that poor people will survive. People have lost hope and once again I am requesting to restart of the plant. I can say that this mine lime stone is like gold and it is available at ground level. Plenty of lime stone is available in the mines. All Kurkunta farmers have given their lands for this mining. Hence, village people are facing lot of difficulties. If both factory and mining is carried out, the local people will be benefited. I am concluding my speech.



4) Sri Ravi S, General Secretary, JDS Party, Sedam;

I am JDS party general secretary, Sedam. As a representative of JDS party, I am attending 2nd time for this meeting. This is last day, 2 days meeting already over. My question and also by all the public question is whether this company will be restarted or it is privatized. This question was also raised in the news media. This has to be answered by the concerned officers. I am not understanding whether this factory will be restarted or it is given on lease basis. This 3rd day meeting is crucial and CCI factory manager has to clarify this issue to the public. If you have plan only for mining, this will not be allowed by the public. Factory has to be started at any cost. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, about 70 lakh people became jobless and labours are also not getting works for their livelihood. I am submitting memorandum from the party side and I am repeatedly warning we are not allowing privatization of this factory. CCI management has to give clarification in this issue. My father has taken only Rs.70,000/- while he was retiring from this company. This amount is not sufficient for livelihood of our family. We have hope for good future of our children due to restart of this factory. I am concluding my speech.

5) Sri Hade Nadapalli, Sedam;

We have concluded 3 day meeting and we are getting only public opinion on this project. Now, officers has to disclose the opinion of the Government on reopen of this factory. It has to be clarified whether this company will be restarted or privatization of the plant and leasing out of mines for private company. We are requesting both DC madam and CCI manager to clarify this issue. Our CCI Kurkunta cement is very good quality cement and hence this plant has to be started and mining shall be started.

6) Sri S.Venkatesh, Ex-Employee, CCI;

I wanted to speak about history of this plant and mines. Madkal and Injepalli people have told they have no objection for this project. Based on report of Geological survey of India, this limestone deposit was identified in this backward area and hence proposed cement plant and mining in this area. There is plenty of limestone deposit available in this mines. Then the factory was started. Based on the submission of reports to the Government, the land was acquired and limestone deposit was available for next 200 years. This plant has been run with this lime stone for 15-20 years and supplied cement to military projects also. This company has got National awards. Afterwards the Government has declared this unit as loss making unit. This is old factory having about 600 Ton capacity cement production. The requirement of raw materials, electricity, transportation, the cost of production has increased to about Rs.110/- to Rs.120/- per bag whereas in new technology system, the cost of production by Vasavadatta or by Tandur plant is only Rs. 60/- per bag. By this reason, the government has declared this unit as loss making unit. In India



CCI has 10 factories, one in Kurkunta, 3 in Madhya Pradesh, 3 plants in Andhra Pradesh, one in Assam, one in Himachal Pradesh and another one in Haryana State. 7 units have been declared as loss making units. This loss making was mainly due to increase of cost of production. We have met ministers and in 1995 along with Sri. Basavaraj Patil we met minister and the matter was referred to BIFR. BIFR is the tribunal. After declaring loss making unit, the next process is tender for privatization. Liabilities of the plant shall be recovered by way of privatization. From BJP party, Sri Jadhav sir is trying to solve this issue. I am requesting officers for further process of this matter. I am concluding my speech.

7) Sri Mallikarjun, Kurkunta Village;

We have given our lands to this company and hence we got jobs in 1973. I have worked in this factory. Today issue is renewal of mines lease, this has to be cleared at the earliest. I am submitting representation in this matter and he read out the contents of the memorandum. The expert agency has prepared the report for CCI and the report will be submitted to the government. I am requesting all to support this and we are supporting this project. I am concluding my speech.

8) Sri. Narayan Rao, Kurkunta Village;

Many people have tried to restart of this plant. All are expecting restart of this plant. Today several crores worth property has been damaged, who is responsible for this property loss, why this plant was closed. Nobody has raised objection for damage of environment due to this plant. The plant was already operated earlier. All we expected that this meeting has been conducted to process for restart of the industry. Today topic is relating to environment, new technology has come and many plants are running with new modern technology. The RTPS plant running with 8 units has been issued with notice for non installation of FGD control equipment and now they are spending Rs.800 Crores for installation of FGD to protect the environment. Today everybody has to take action for protection of environment and public health is very important for leading better life. CCI should run this industry, for this we will support. We are ready to extend our full support to CCI. The industry was closed in crucial time. Many families faced difficulties due to closure of this industry. There is no objection from the surrounding villages for restart of industry and for mining. I am requesting to forward positive report to the Government to facilitate restart of industry & mines. I am concluding my speech.

9) Sri Sharanappa Kolli, Kurkunta Village;

We have already given memorandum in this regard. Hyderabad Karnataka Adhyayana Sub Committee Chairman Sri H.K.Patil Sir has conducted one meeting in Kalaburagi and meeting was called to discuss issues of Hyderabad Karnataka region. In this meeting I raised



the issue of closed CCI factory and I requested to release 50% of grant every year for restart of this plant. Releasing this grant for operation of the plant will not only help development of Kurkunta, but also helps overall development of entire Gulbarga District. There are 6 ministers, 3 MLA's and DC was also present in the Sub Committee meeting. This Hyderabad Karnataka Region has 7 districts, about Rs.1200 Crores grant will come each year and I requested to reserve 50% for this CCI plant. If this step was taken at that time, our CCI plant may continued its operation. Now, Government has to take steps for restart of the plant. The existing plant can be operated at any time as there is already created infrastructure is available like water supply, no land acquisition problem, no electricity problem, railway track available from quarry to plant & road facility is available. Everybody has to try for restart of this industry. All political parties like Congress, JDS and BJP have fought for opening of this factory. Our single line resolution is to start the factory. No need of further meetings. But one condition that the mined stone shall be grinded in this factory only for production of cement. This is a opinion of all the public and political party leaders of this entire sedam region. I am concluding my speech.

10) Sri Shivayya Guttedar, Kurkunta Village;

In 1965-66, the land was purchased for this factory. The rate of land at that time was only Rs.900/- per acre. However, the actual government land rate was only Rs.400/- to Rs.500/-. As CCI has given Rs.900/- we all become happy. However, the factory was closed within 24 years time. The factory was closed due to negligence of management. Karigatta has history and having rich lime stone mine. Finally I am requesting to restart of the factory and to give employment to local people. I am concluding my speech.

11) Sri Akram Pasha, Kurkunta Village;

The CCI has presented all aspects of its project in the presentation relating to environment, green belt development etc., As new technology has came, there is no damage to the environment. As I already told, many daily wage workers have come to the streets due to closure of this factory and no benefits given by the company to these workers. Even for permanent employees also VRS was given to remove them from the company. I am congratulating all the leaders for joining hands for supporting us for restart of this factory. We are urging to restart of the factory at the earliest. I am concluding my speech.

12) Sri Lingaraja Kapanur, Kurkunta village;

CCI Factory has closed. Now they have proposed renewal of mines only. But my opinion is to start the factory and mines. There is more responsibility on our district MP Sir Sri Umesh Jadhav and our Deputy Commissioner and I am requesting them to process further for start of plant and mines. I am concluding my speech.

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13) Sri Shivaputrappa Sharanappa, Secretary General, JDS Party, Sedam Taluk;

Local many youths completed higher education like ITI, Diploma & Engineering. The plant management should give job preference to local educated youths. There are many plants in Sedam Taluk and these plants are not giving employment to local Sedam Taluk people. These plants are employing people from outside states. Minimum 50% jobs should be reserved for Sedam Taluk people depending on their qualification. Another 25% jobs shall be reserved for Gulbarga District people and remaining 25% jobs can be given outside people. They are utilizing all our local resources and hence they have to give employment to local people. Once again I am requesting to give employment to local people. I am concluding my speech.

14) Sri Shivaram Rathod, Betagera Gate, Kurkunta Village;

The company has given job to us only on paper. Actually they have not given job. I have crossed 40 years, we are thrown on streets. We have 10 acres land adjacent to mining quarry. Supreme court has given judgment in 2005, but they have given compensation in 2012. They have given job to another person in my name, but for me they have given job only on paper. They have acquired 40 acres of our land and injustice has been made to our family. We are living by doing labour works. I am requesting to solve this problem. The company has taken lands and uneducated people have been thrown to the streets and not given employment. All general managers of the company said they have no money to run the plant. Because of failure of the management, the factory was closed. We have requested Sri R.S.Patil Sir to resolve this issue and till date it was not solved. Till date they have not given job to us. I am requesting to give justice for me.

15) Sri Vishwanath Reddy Patil, Sedam;

The public have spoken on this project and many have submitted memorandums. Since 3 days, the mining projects in Karigatta have been heard and submitting memorandum and requesting to give approval with conditions. He read out the memorandum contents as follows;

1. Clean air, clean water and clean environment is our right.
2. The CCI presented environment management plant shall be implemented completely and with condition the approval can be given.
3. Project proponent has proposed to acquire some private lands and hence, the mining shall be carried out only after giving compensation to these lands.
4. Soon after obtaining Environment Pollution Control Certificate, the mining shall be started in Karigatta mines and by this plant can also be started. For start of mining, time limit shall be fixed to the company



5. The mined lime stone at karigatta mines shall be utilized in Kurkunta Cement plant only. We are not permitting for transport of limestone to other places like Tandur other than utilization in Kurkunta factory.

I am urging to restart of the mines and industry at the earliest. We all have hope that due to this mines & industry, the surrounding people will get employment. With the above conditions, the permission can be given to the restart of the factory. I am concluding my speech.

Finally the M/s Cement Corporation of India Ltd., representative Sri. Sharath Kumar, Addl.General Manager, CCI Tandur, clarified that all the issues raised by the public in the past 3 days meetings will be placed before the management and we will try to fulfill your demands. With the permission of Deputy Commissioner, I would like to clarify that many public have raised question that the mined lime stone from this Karigatta mines will be transported to Tandur plant. But, I am clarifying here that we have only 200 Ha lease hold area in Karigatta, but we have already having 633 Ha lime stone lease hold area in Tandur. In this Tandur mines, 300 Million Tonnes of lime stone deposit is available and if the present plant in Tandur is operated at present capacity, we can run this plant for next 300 years with the available lime stone in Tandur Mines. We have plenty of lime stone in Tandur. The quality of limestone available at Tandur mines is of same quality as it is available in this Karigatta mines. We have clearly recorded in our environment public hearing document that the mined lime stone in Karigatta mines will be utilized in Kurkunta plant and cement will be produced in this plant only. Lime stone is not transported to any other place. This plant was No.2 in India and this is small plant having only 1200 Tonn capacity of cement production. But, in the market, competition increased and new large capacity cement plants have been established. Hence, this small capacity plant was not viable to survive in the market. In the closure of this plant, there is no hands of managers. This is a Government of India company and ministry at Central Government has taken decision to close it. At that time some compensation issues raised, at that time we are not having money and subsequently these issues have been resolved. This process is going on to restart of the plant and mines. Any specific issues of public, we can take them to our management and we will try to resolve them. I am thanking all the public for supporting our projects. We are assuring the Deputy Commissioner madam that the issues raised here will be resolved by the company and requested the DC madam to process it at the earliest.

Smt. V.V. Jyothsna, I.A.S, Deputy Commissioner told that as I have taken charge of Deputy Commissioner of Kalaburagi recently and I came to know from my programme schedule that environmental public hearings have been scheduled for 3 days. After coming here and attending these public hearing meetings, I understood the need of the public about start of this cement plant and mines and how important is this project for this area. I



also understood that this is also related to their livelihood. I am thanking all the public for support to smooth conduct of this public hearing for all these 3 days.

Finally, Environmental Officer informed that all of you have attended environmental public hearing of M/s Cement Corporation of India Limited (CCI) and heard the environmental management plan of the industry. He informed that the opinions of the public have been videographed and proceedings will be forwarded to Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, for further action. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and said that they are concluding this Environment Public hearing meeting.



(Smt. V.V.Jyothsna, I.A.S)

Deputy Commissioner,

And Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Kalaburagi, Karnataka.

