

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. DALMIA CEMENT (BHARAT) LIMITED., PROPOSED LIMESTONE PRODUCTION OF CAPACITY 5.2 MTPA, SOIL OF CAPACITY 0.062 MTPA AND WASTE (Over burden/Side burden/Intermediate burden) OF CAPACITY 0.98 MTPA (TOTAL EXCAVATION 6.242 MTPA) ALONG WITH 1500 TPH CAPACITY OF CRUSHER (13 Ha AREA OUTSIDE THE ML AREA) IN THE MINE LEASE AREA OF 995.97 Ha LOCATED AT DIFFERENT SURVEY NUMBERS OF BEERANAHALLI, AREBOMMANAHALLI, TARANAHALLI, KONKANAHALLI, SHETTIHUDA AND SEDAM VILLAGES, SEDAM TALUK, KALABURAGI DISTRICT, KARNATAKA STATE HELD ON 02/03/2021 AT 03.00 PM.

VENUE: At Project Site, Adjacent to SH-10, Between Shettihuda (Sedam) to Arebammanahalli Road, Sedam Taluk, District: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

M/S. DALMIA CEMENT (BHARAT) LIMITED, has proposed the Limestone production of capacity 5.2 MTPA, Soil of capacity 0.062 MTPA and Waste (over burden/side burden/intermediate burden) of capacity 0.98 MTPA (Total Excavation 6.242 MTPA) along with 1500 TPH capacity of crusher (13 Ha area outside the ML Area) in the mine lease area of 995.97 Ha located at different survey numbers of Beeranahalli, Arebommanahalli, Taranahalli, Konkanahalli, Shettihuda and Sedam Villages Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi, Karnataka State.

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. Further, the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted by following guidelines of COVID19 issued by MoEF & CC, GOI vide OM dated: 14-09-2020.

Public Hearing Panel:

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

OFFICERS PRESENT:

1. Dr. Akash Shankar, I.A.S, Assistant Commissioner, Sedam, Kalaburagi District.
2. Sri C.N. Manjappa , Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Kalaburagi.

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/S. DALMIA CEMENT (BHARAT) LIMITED., PRESENT IN THE MEETING,

1	Sri. Manoj Kumar	Sr. Manager
2	Sri. Shantaveeraswamy	Advisor
3	Sri. V.Karthikeyan	Dy.Executive Director
4	Sri. Tribhuvan Dharmana	Asst. Executive Director
5	Sri. Samir Sharma	Senior General Manager

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, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, on 14-09-2006, it is prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change 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, Forest and Climate Change (I.A Division), Government of India, Terms of Reference (TOR) letter No. F.No.J-11015/26/2020-IA.II (M) New Delhi dated 09.07.2020 for the proposed Limestone production of capacity 5.2 MTPA, Soil of capacity 0.062 MTPA and Waste (over burden/side burden/intermediate burden) of capacity 0.98 MTPA (Total Excavation 6.242 MTPA) along with 1500 TPH capacity of crusher (13 Ha area outside the ML Area) in the mine lease area of 995.97 Ha located at different survey numbers of Beeranahalli, Arebommanahalli, Taranahalli, Konkanahalli, Shettihuda and Sedam Villages Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi and as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated 15.12.2020 & 21.12.2020, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 02.03.2021 at 03:00 PM at project site.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the paper Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper "**Vijaya Karnataka**" and English daily news paper "**Deccan Herald**" on 30th January, 2021. The public hearing notification was also issued in the local Kannada daily news paper "**Sanjevani**" on 30/01/2021. 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. TMC, Sedam.
5. Grampanchayat Office, Neelahalli Village, Tq: Sedam, Dist: Kalaburagi.
6. Grampanchayat Office, Kurkunta 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, Forest & Climate Change, 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 access 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 Video graphed and audio. Environmental Officer informed the project proponent to present their project proposal to the gathered public.

Accordingly, representative of the M/s. JM EnviroNet Pvt. Ltd (JMEPL). project consultant has presented the salient features of the project viz the executive summary –base line studies, background of the project, Socio Economic status of the area, Land requirement, proposed activity, solid and Hazardous waste management, Water requirement, production details, Air Pollution sources and Control measures proposed, 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.

One of the farmer intervened during presentation by the project proponent and urged to finalise the farmers land purchase rates and employment. He also urged to stop the meeting till finalization of land rates. We all farmers came to this meeting only for this purpose.

In response to this, Deputy Commissioner told the public that this meeting is arranged to get the views of public about this project. We are recording all public views/objections/opinions and forwarding to Government of India. We are working in favor of the public and all your views will be brought to the notice of the Government. We are not deciding about the project in this meeting.

After the detailed presentation made by the project proponent, the public were asked to present their views and comments on environmental issues of the proposed 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 persons/public expressed their concerns/views in the public hearing are as follows:

1) Sri. Revanasiddappa Hugar, Biranahalli;

We have given lands five years back, but plant has not came up and not given employment. DC madam has to enquire about this.

2) Sri. Wajir Patel, Biranahalli Village;

This mining proposed between our village and Biranahalli, Mining is nothing but blasting activity. Problem arises due to blasting. There is one village near Vasavadatta Cement plant which is facing problem due to blasting activity. Till date there is no solution and we don't know when these houses will fall. This problem may come to our village houses also in future. There is no foundation to our houses and there is no stone even we dig up to 20 feet deep. Hence all our houses are built on soil. Officers has to listen this aspect and who is responsible for all these problems. I am concluding my speech.

3) Sri. Shaid Patel, Biranahalli Village;

Due to the dust pollution from cement factories, Cancer disease has increased in Sedam Taluk and urged to establish hospital. He requested the Deputy Commissioner to take action in this issue.

4) Sri. Siddaram Chandrappa, Arebommanahalli Village;

I have given my lands to the company & purchase rate is not yet finalized. There is one Darga in my land and hence requested that this Darga to be developed by the company and devotees shall be allowed to visit this Darga.

5) Sri. Shivanand Korwar, Bijanalli Village;

We are happy that this company is establishing in this area, infrastructure like railways, roads, etc., will be developed. We are seeing this development since 1984. But, now due to large industries, vehicle movement has increased and hence, our children are living in fear to move in these sedam roads. We have given lands to these large industries, land losers will get compensation from the companies. Our leaders also happy. Our seniors have allowed the companies to establish during 1984. Poor people are more during those days. Now a days expenditures are more for cultivation and growing of crops. There is scarcity of drinking water in this area. The industries has to develop the surrounding areas by providing pure drinking water, 24 hour electricity supply, houses etc., We have already seen 2 companies like Rajashree and Vasavadatta. Now you Dalmia company has came. Take all the village people into confidence. Government is unable to give all the facilities. Hence, you should take initiative to provide safe drinking water, electricity, houses etc., to surrounding villages so that industries can run for long period without any problems. Help the people who have given lands to you. Ultratech has not allowing any local people. This company shall develop good relationship with local people. Our SSLC, PUC & BA completed boys & girls shall be given employment. I am concluding my speech.

6) Sri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist;]


I am first environmentalist supporting Indian Industrial development. Generally environmentalists and NGO's oppose the industries, but I am supporting this proposed project. Because there are about 40 crores Indian youths of the age of 18 to 35 are waiting for employment opportunities. Mean time Karnataka Industrial Development is also essential. I am suggesting some points for maintaining environmental balance. Your

environment advisor has surveyed air, water, noise baseline studies in this area. They have collected data of health status, agriculture status and underground water status in the surrounding 10 km radius, this will help in future and helps in taking actions for environmental balance in the area. You have proposed 995 Ha for your mining activity. You can have provision to harvest rain water in the proposed mining area. Develop green belt for dust suppression and plant fruit bearing trees and medicinal plants. Provide employment to local youths. Give training in skills development to youths, so that youths can able to get jobs in the industrial sector. Japan and Korea have achieved 95% in skill development. The co-ordination committee has to be set up comprising of representatives of company, village, Govt. officers and Pollution Control Board for taking development works under CSR budget. Take all pollution control measures. Maintaining & balancing water, air and earth environment is very important. I am once again welcoming and supporting your proposed project. I am congratulating your environmental advisor. I am requesting MoEF & CC to give clearance to this project. I am concluding my speech and thank you for giving an opportunity.

Environmental Officer invited the project proponent to clarify the doubts raised by the public.

In response to the above, the representative of project proponent informed the public that you all have expressed your views on our project. You have enquired about employment. Due to this mines, 100 people will get direct employment. Indirect employment will also be created due to mining project. For education we will open vocational training centres and we will help SHG's. We will give training mainly for self employment so that the people will be able to lead life independently.

Finally, Environmental Officer informed that all of you have attended environmental public hearing of M/s. DALMIA CEMENT (BHARAT) LIMITED (Mines), and heard the environmental management plan of the project proponent. He informed that the opinions of the public have been videographed and proceedings will be forwarded to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, for further action. He thanked all the public who have attended the public hearing and said that we 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.



