COMPLIANCE OF TOR (Contd.)

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CONDUCTED FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE OF DURGAPUR OCP BY MPCB. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION IS GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING SLIDES.

Shri Suresh Chopane, president Green planet society showed his displeasure for not giving copies of EIA Report.

Reply:

Sufficient copies of EIA Report and Executive summaries (soft and hard copies) are sent to MPCB. Regional officer, MPCB said that the EIA and executive summaries were kept open for study at MPCB office for general public and some Organisations like Green Planet Society had studied the EIA at MPCB office

Shri Balu Chandekar, President, Paryawaran Mitra Bahuddeshiya Sanstha, said that the air water qualities of nearby villages are affected due to existing mine and cracks were observed at nearby houses due to blasting activities. Local villages were deprived of roads and drinking water due to depletion of water table.

Reply:

Shri A. C. ROY, HOD (ENV.), WCL replied that the mine is already in operation since last many years and this is only a small expansion. He further submitted that pollution is bound to happen due to excavation of coal but WCL is achieving the norms of CPCB and State Pollution Control Board in respect of air, water and noise. He informed that the massive green belt was developed by WCL and it will enhance the green belt in future.

Sri Balu Chandekar said that WCL is not giving any land for water supply project to local villagers as all the nearby land is already acquired by WCL and the locals are deprived of safe water.

Reply:

Shri Shinde, Nodal Officer, WCL, replied that the WCL is not a private body for finalizing the matters in a day. The appropriate proposals will be sent to CMD, WCL for approval.

Shri Ratnaparkhi, Member, Grampanchayat, Sinhala village demanded the tarring of road, employment of land affected persons, Rehabilitation of villages within 10 km radious of Chandrapur, assurance of plot and monitory compensation to affected villagers and assured to support the project if all the demands are accepted.

Reply:

WCL Representative, Shri Sinha briefed about existing R&R policy Coal India Ltd. And informed that the land acquisition will be done as per the policy of Coal India Ltd.