

## Aide Memoir of the meeting held on 8.09.08 regarding illegal mining.

Members present in the meeting.

1. Shri S.Kishore , Special Secretary, Commerce & Industry Department
2. Shri J.C.Chakraborty, OSD & Ex Officio Deputy Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department.
3. Shri R.Chakraborti, Director, Mines & Minerals.
4. Shri Manish Jain, District Magistrate, Burdwan
5. Shri Sundar Majumdar, District Magistrate, Bankura
6. Shri Tapan Kumar Shome, District Magistrate, Birbhum
7. Shri Dipak Ranjan Kar, District Magistrate, Purulia
8. Shri Vishal Garg, Superintendent of Police, Bankura
9. Shri L.N.Meena, Superintendent of Police, Birbhum
10. Shri Rajesh Kr. Yadav, Superintendent of Police, Purulia
11. Shri R.Rajasekaran, Superintendent of Police, Burdwan
12. Shri U.S.Upadhyay, D(T) of ECL

1. District Magistrate, Burdwan suggested the following points:

- (i) Notification of check posts. ✓
- (ii) Regulation of movement of trucks. ✓
- (iii) Coal tourism to make the public understand the hazard of illegal mining.

2. D.M.,Burdwan further suggested opening of one/two abandoned but safe mines to public, setting up of a Coal Museum and developing a multiple media presentation on the hazardous of mining.

3. S.P., Burdwan highlighted the futility of having check post without having adequate manpower.

4. District Magistrate, Bankura suggested bringing out isolated patches under some legal mechanism so that there can be a better check.

5. District Magistrate, Birbhum suggested the outsourcing route for meeting this problem.

6. District Magistrate, Purulia suggested increase in raids and filling up of the illegal pits.

7. Other suggestions that came up were:-

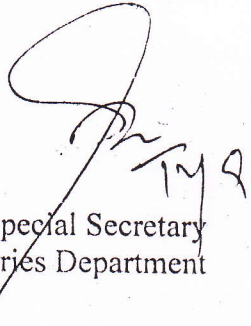
- (i) Reviewing the ECL paper work to closely monitor the transportation outside the mines.
- (ii) Examining the possibility of auction of seized coal only to end-users.
- (iii) Moving Judicial Department for having a dedicated court for such cases.
- (iv) Creation of a Special Task Force with jurisdiction both within and outside mine areas.
- (v) Keeping a tab on the end-users, coal needs & coal procurement.

8. The following decisions were taken:-

- (i) Districts will hold a meeting on regulation of truck movement with all the stake holders and will come up with detailed action plan including information sharing with ECL, stream lining the paper work to better monitor the movement of coal outside the mining area, finalization of check post and man power requirement etc.
- (ii) DMs will send the details of the action points to C&I Department for moving Home/Transport Department on creation of notification of check points and providing requisite man power. C&I Department will also move Home Department for examining the possibility of creating a special task force.
- (iii) ECL has agreed to share information on area wise coal mines and dispatches to at least major industrial units with the districts so that D.M. & S.P. can monitor coal movement using these figures.
- (iv) It was also decided that raids by Police, CISF & ECL will be conducted <sup>internally</sup> immediately after monsoon session when illegal mining activities tend to increase. Closing of rat holes by ECL, seizure

of coal equipment of illegal mines and prompt filing of FIR by ECL were other agreed measures.

(v) It was also decided that Coal Tourism suggestion will be followed up by moving Tourism department, requesting ECL for identification of abandoned but safe mines and requesting District Magistrate, Burdwan to send a detailed concept note. ECL will also be requested to prepare a multi-media presentation of hazards of illegal mining for wide publicity in the coal belt area.

  
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