

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL TASK FORCE FOR PURULIA DISTRICT HELD ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 2012 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, PURULIA

Members present:-

- 1) Sri Avanindra Singh, IAS, District Magistrate, Purulia.
- 2) Sri S. K. Chowdhury, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Purulia.
- 3) Sri S.B. Sarkar, WBCS(Exe.), Additional District Magistrate (Dev.), Purulia.
- 4) Sri P.K. Bargi, Chief Mining Officer.
- 5) Sri S.K. Mahato, Dy. D.L.&L.R.O., Purulia.
- 6) Sri S.K. Nath, Area Manager (P.C.&D), E.C.L., Sodepur Area.
- 7) Sri M.K. Joshi, Colliery Manager, Parbelia Group, E.C.L., Sodepur Area.
- 8) Sri A.K. Banerjee, Area Security Officer, E.C.L., Sodepur Area.
- 9) Sri Joydeb Das, Mining Officer, O/o. Chief Mining Officer, Asansol.
- 10) Sri P.K. Sarkar, D.M. & D.C., Purulia.
- 11) Sri S. Haque, S.I. of Police, Neturia P.S.

District Magistrate took the chair and initiated discussion.

At the onset he requested the Chief Mining Officer to go through the minutes of the 8th and 9th meetings of D.L.T.F. held on 1st December, 2011 and 6th January, 2012 respectively since S.P., Purulia was not present in the said meetings.

While going through minutes of the 8th Meeting District Magistrate, Purulia wanted to know whether O/C. Neturia P.S. has submitted any report to him. C.M.O said that the said report has been received from Neturia P.S. on 8th February, 2012. C.M.O. then went through the report of the O/C. Neturia P.S., in which the following information were given :-

Period	No. of cases initiated	Non F.I.R. prosecution	Quantity of coal seized (in MT)	No. of vehicles seized	No. of persons arrested
2010 -11 and afterwards (22 months approx)	18 of which 7 cases initiated against F.I.R. lodged by E.C.L. Result 14 No. of cases ended in CS, one case ended in FRT and three cases are pending for investigation.	282	Steam Coal – 131.092 Dust Coal – 5.187 Slag dust Coal – 6.5	Truck – 6 Tata A.C.- 17 Pick up Van – 6 DI 407 – 2 Tata 207 – 01 Tata 407 – 01 Bi-Cycle – 11	285 (surrendered 79)

District Magistrate, Purulia asked O/C. Neturia P.S. to furnish month wise break up of the aforesaid information for the period from April, 2010 to January, 2011 to him with a copy to the Chief Mining Officer. However, he was not satisfied with the performance of Police during the said 22 months. The District Magistrate, Purulia urged upon better vigilance on part of police to improve the situation. For better vigilance he also proposed for a check post within Neturia P.S. and he sought the views of S.P. in this regard. Superintendent of Police, Purulia seconded the proposal of District Magistrate but stated that for manning of check post it would not be possible to provide any police force rather, an officer would be provided from District Police. On request of District Magistrate, Purulia, Area Security Officer, E.C.L. agreed to provide 2 CISF Personnel in each shift for manning check post which would function round the clock. C.M.O. suggested that Sarbari More would be the better location for setting up of the check post.

In this connection, E.C.L. officials pointed out that the coal, illegally mined from different places under Santuri P.S. might not be intercepted at the proposed check post since such coal is consumed at the nearby Sponge Iron Factories including that of Vision Sponge Iron Limited. District Magistrate, Purulia desired a joint raid programme, comprising officials of E.C.L. representative of C.M.O. with the assistance of Police, to be conducted to measure the coal stocks within the sponge iron factory premises and to enquire about the source of coal procured by the factory authorities. He urged upon completion of such raid programmes within 15 days covering all the sponge iron factories located in Purulia. List may be procured from the G.M., D.I.C., if required so. Such factory coal assessment and measurement of stock should be videographed. E.C.L. agreed to make videography arrangements.

While coming to the point regarding intimation of coal despatch as done by E.C.L. to Neturia Police Station, O/C. Neturia Police Station stated that they have been getting such information from E.C.L. However, such information is not been utilized by Police for better enforcement as O/C. Neturia could not explain the purpose and utility of receiving such information from E.C.L. District Magistrate, Purulia requested the O/C. Neturia Police Station to check all the challans henceforth.

District Magistrate, Purulia requested O/C. Neturia Police Station to prepare monthly report of coal seizure and cases initiated and send the same to him through Superintendent of Police, Purulia. Superintendent of Police, Purulia agreed to compile this enforcement report for whole district for perusal in task force meeting. Superintendent of Police, Purulia also agreed to submit report in 1st week of every month.

While coming to the point of F.I.R.s lodged by E.C.L., Superintendent of Police, Purulia reiterated that the complaints lodged by E.C.L. could not be treated as F.I.R. because of non availability of various information as required in F.I.R.s. Superintendent of Police, Purulia further stated that E.C.L. authority would take the coal seized by Police and keep the same at their custody E.C.L. officials agreed to the proposal.

District Magistrate, Purulia suggested that E.C.L. authority would lodge F.I.R.s, which would be location - specific, quantity-specific, time-specific and it would also contain the names of the Criminals. E.C.L. Officials stated that they have lodged 3 F.I.R.s in January, 2012. District Magistrate, Purulia was not satisfied with the no. of F.I.R.s and he requested E.C.L. Officials to lodge more no. of F.I.R.s every month. It was further decided that E.C.L. will lodge F.I.R. in respect of Areas falling within their leasehold boundaries. In non - E.C.L. areas action would be taken by the Officers of L. & L.R. Deptt. in terms of L.R. Act. For ascertaining land particulars E.C.L. would write to B.L. & L.R.O. and B.L. & L.R.O. would send back the reply within two working days.

Dy. D.L. & L.R.O., Purulia informed that as per decision of the last two meetings and having information on illegal mining sites from E.C.L., notices under L.R. Act had been issued to the concerned land owners on 25th January, 2012 with directives to show cause notice latest by 17th February, 2012. District Magistrate, Purulia desired that outcome of service of such notices would be intimated to him just after 17th February, 2012.

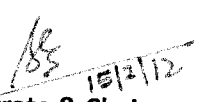
Coming to the point of filling up of illegal pits, E.C.L. stated that they filled 9 such pits in January, 2012. E.C.L. officials expressed that since the job is time consuming and depends on availability of machines, it would be difficult for them to increase the intensity of such filling job.

So far joint raid programme was concerned, it was decided as per suggestion of Superintendent of Police, Purulia and in contrary to the decision taken in earlier meeting that E.C.L. officials would send a confidential raid programme stating therein only the probable dates (preferably at least five raids per month) of raids of a month to the Superintendent of Police, Purulia directly in advance without mentioning place of raid. Superintendent of Police, Purulia would then arrange to provide police force from his available sources for the proposed raid programmes.

So far threat to Ranchi-Maithon 400 KV double circuit power transmission line of Power Grid Corporation is concerned, Superintendent of Police, Purulia stated that action was taken by Police and no illegal mining activities are there at present. District Magistrate, Purulia requested C.M.O. to contact officials of Power Grid Corporation and to intimate them that illegal mining activities have been stopped but they would take the responsibility for filling up of the vulnerable pits around their transmission towers. They would also be asked to be present in the next meeting of D.L.T.F.

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on 6th March, 2012 at 12:00 noon.

As there was no point to discuss, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the chair.


District Magistrate & Chairman,
DLTF, Purulia