PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL TASK FORCE FOR PURULIA DISTRICT HELD ON 7TH MARCH, 2012 AT 4.00 P.M. 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 P. K. Bargi, Chief Mining Officer,

4. Sri Dilip Kr. Ghosh, ADM & District Land & Land Reforms Officer, Purulia.

5. Sri S. K. Nath, Area Manager (PC&D), Sodepur Area, ECL.

6. Sri M. K. Joshi, Agent, Parbelia Group of mines, ECL,

7. Sri Uttam Adhikary, Engineer, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Ranchi,

8. Sri J Das, Mining Officer, Asansol,

9. Sri P. K. Sarkar, DM & DC, Purulia.

The meeting commenced with review of the decisions taken in last meeting.

Chief Mining Officer handed an action -taken report over the Chairman. He said that he has got information on seizure of coal and vehicle, cases initiated, persons arrested, etc. for the month of February, 2012 from the O.C., Neturia Police Station. However, month-wise break-up of such report for the period from April, 2010 to January, 2012 was not received from Neturia P. S. by then, he added. Superintendent of Police, Purulia agreed to look into the matter for early compliance.

As regards setting up of proposed check-post at Sarbari More, District Magistrate was dissatisfied for non-compliance of the decision taken in this regard in the last meeting. On query, ECL representatives told that deployment of CISF personnel in the proposed check-post would require prior approval of the higher authority of ECL. However, they did not seek any such approval from their higher authority till date. District Magistrate desired that such proposal should be initiated by the local office of ECL without any further delay. District Magistrate also requested ECL officials to provide logistic support in the proposed check-post. He specially stressed on arrangement of a closed-circuit T.V. and camera at the proposed check-post. ECL officials told that due to their limited jurisdiction, they would send a separate proposal seeking permission towards purchase of C.C. T.V., etc. to their higher authority.



As regards joint raid programme in sponge iron factories the District Magistrate wanted to know from Chief Mining Officer whether G.M., D.I.C., Purulia was contacted for collection of the list of sponge iron factories. Chief Mining Officer replied in negative, he, though, added that such list would be collected soon. CMO further stated that as per decision of the last meeting a joint raid was conducted in the sponge ironcum - captive power plant of 'Vision Sponge Iron Pvt. Ltd.' on 1st March, 2012. He intimated that about 27,000 MT of coal was found during inspection. The factory management could not furnish figures of daily coal stocks, coal purchased. They, instead, show only the road challans of coal purchased, which were found to be issued by ECL mines. Chief Mining Officer also stated that, on demand, the management of the said factory furnished a set of papers on 6th March, 2012. He also stated that irregularities, if any, could be detected only after examining those papers and other supporting documents. District Magistrate desired that such examination should be completed by 31st March and report shall be placed in next meeting and he also desired that similar exercises needed to be completed in other factories at the earliest. Chief Mining Officer expressed that owing to other departmental assignments some relaxation in time would be required to cover up the other factories, however, all such sponge plants will be covered by 30th April, 2012.

ECL representatives reported that they filled 19 illegal pits in Parbelia village areas with the assistance of Police in February, 2012. However, they did not need to lodge FIR since last meeting as they did not find any illegal mining activities.

While coming to the point regarding action taken against the land-owners by the DL & LRO, Purulia the District Magistrate wanted to know the result of issuance of show-cause notices to the land owners from the DL&LRO, Purulia. Who stated that in most of the cases the recorded land owners had informed that they had transferred their properties to others, as such they were not liable to be penalized under L. R. Act. District Magistrate requested the DL & LRO, Purulia to collect the transfer deeds from them for identifying the actual land owners at the earliest. The District Magistrate further directed the DL & LRO, Purulia to lodge FIRS against those rayats, who were in actual possession of the lands being used for digging illegal pits, for violation under Section 4C of L.R. Act at the earliest. He also desired that the exercise should be completed by the DL & LRO in respect of all the plots intimated by ECL officials by the next meeting.

Regarding illegal activities near Ranchi-Maithon 400KV double circuit power transmission line of PGCIL, the District Magistrate informed the Engineer of PGCIL that illegal activities had ceased but PGCIL should bear the responsibility to fill up the illegal pits near the close vicinity of three affected towers as early as possible. The Engineer said that they would require such directive in writing. He was told that minutes of the last meeting and the present one would suffice the purpose. He was handed over the minutes of the last meeting. He, however, told that he would bring the matter to the notice of his higher authority. ECL officials agreed to share their technical experience in this regard. Engineer, PGCIL is requested to submit compliance report by 31st March, 2012.

Next date of meeting is fixed at 12.00 noon on 06.04.2012.

Having no other point to discuss, meeting ended with thanks from and to the Chair.

District Magistrate

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Chairman, DLTF, Purulia