

Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of "Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in Deomali PEL Block (113.5 Km²) in Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh" executed by M/s Oil India Limited, conducted on 30/07/2015 from 1000 Hrs onwards at Multipurpose Community Hall, Changlang, District Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh.

Name of the Project.

Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in Deomali PEL Block (113.5 Km²) in Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh executed by M/s Oil India Limited.

Panel Members.


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| 1 | Smti Chanchal Yadav, IAS
Deputy Commissioner, Changlang
District Changlang | Chairperson |
| 2 | Shri N. Tam, IFS
Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board
Naharlagun | Member Secretary |

Representatives of M/s Oil India Limited.

1. Shri S. Basumatary, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
2. Shri Rupjyoti Phukan, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
3. Shri M.P. Chaliha, PR Department, OIL, Duliajan
4. Apurv Chaturvedi, S&E Department, OIL, Duliajan
5. Dr. B.N. Sahoo, S&E Department, OIL, Duliajan
6. Dr. Deo Narayan, Cons., OIL, Duliajan
7. Shri Deenanath Saroj, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
8. Shri Bhagya Sonowal, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
9. Shri Bijoy Kumar Shyam, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
10. Shri Pradip Kumar Singh, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
11. Shri Ranjit Hazarika, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
12. Shri Amitabh Goswami, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
13. Shri M.R. Deori, Security Department, OIL, Duliajan
14. Shri Pradip Kumar Das, CS, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
15. Shri G.N. Biswas, NEF Project, OIL, Duliajan
3. Shri Longsam Yanschang

Speakers from the Project Affected Villages.

1. Smti. M. Kenglang, Zilla Parisha Chairperson, Chairman


Member Secretary
APSPCB, Naharlagun

2. Shri Khongpong Tangha, Public Leader, Changlang
3. Shri N.K. Longchan, Public Leader, Changlang
4. Shri Daljung Salnang, Public Leader, Changlang
5. Shri N. Changmi, Public Leader, Changlang
6. Shri Anglop Taikam, Changlang
7. Shri Tongmai Mamai, Longran village
8. Shri Lomhom Tangha, Changlang

An Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in Deomali PEL Block (113.5 Km²) in Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh to be executed by M/s Oil India Limited was conducted on 30/07/2015 from 1000 AM onwards at the Multipurpose Community Hall, Changlang in Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh. The entire Public Hearing proceeding was presided over by Smti. Chanchal Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, Changlang-cum- Chairperson of the Public Hearing. In all 98 (ninety eight) people attended the Public Hearing. The attendance sheet is enclosed as Annexure – A.

Address by the Member Secretary, APSPCB.

At the outset, Shri N. Tam, IFS, Member Secretary, Arunachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Naharlagun while welcoming the Project Affected Families (PAFs) / Public elaborated the provisions of the EIA Notification dated 14th September' 2006 and subsequent amendments issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India pertaining to Environmental Clearance for developmental projects and requirements of Environmental Public Hearing thereof. He stated that Environmental Public Hearing was being conducted as per the provisions of the said notification. The Member Secretary further explained that the objectives of the Environmental Public Hearing is to solicit and record the opinions, views, comments or objections of the people residing at and in the adjoining areas of project sites likely to be affected by the commencement of the proposed Onshore Oil and Gas Exploration in Deomali PEL Block (113.5 Km²) in Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Oil India Limited. He further added that the Environmental Public Hearing is a part of the Environmental Clearance process and that no decision on project clearance can be taken during the hearing as its sole role is strictly confined to recording of opinions, discussions, suggestions submitted in writing or orally so that the same can be submitted to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and Climate Change (MoEF& CC), Govt. of India. The Ministry will examine and scrutinize such views, comments, suggestions by project affected people while processing the application for Environment Clearance. He welcomed all the

project affected people to participate in the hearing actively and express their views and suggestions about the proposed project if any.

Power Point Presentation on the proposed project by Project Proponent.

Shri Longsam Yanschang of M/s Oil India Limited presented the project background & status and salient features of the Project with the help of power point. He explained the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) methodology, baseline status, assessment of impacts and Environmental Management Plans. The EIA / EMP studies are prepared by SENES Consultants India Pvt. Ltd. (Accreditation No. – NABET/EIA/1013/43) as per Terms of Reference (ToR) issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests (I.A. Division), New Delhi dated 14th August, 2013.

Open House Discussion.

After presentation, the Project Affected Families (PAFs) from Project Affected Villages (PAVs) were given time to give their views / suggestions / objections / queries / words of appreciation regarding the proposed project.

Accordingly, the views / suggestions / objections / queries / words of appreciation expressed by the Project Affected people are as follows:

1. Smti. M. Kenglang, Zilla Parisha Chairperson, Chairman
 - I hope that this project will benefit the locals.
 - Project affected village of Longran must get first priority in availing job benefits and contractual works etc...
 - If OIL implements the Corporate Social Responsibility in true spirit then we will support this proposed project.
 - OIL must send unskilled labours from the project affected villages for training to make them more skilled and then later absorb them in the Company.
 - If there is any unemployed Engineer in the project affected district then OIL must absorb them in the Company.
 - What provisions are kept in the education sector?
 - The project affected district has many skilled sports players. In this regard OIL may initiate action to make them more skilled by way of providing coaching or exposure.
 - OIL should identify and select meritorious students hailing from project affected district and help them for further studies.
 - OIL must take care of chemical wastage and health hazards that may result once the project is commissioned.

2. Shri Khongpong Tangha, Public Leader, Changlang
 - Why the other affected villages were not called for this hearing.


Member Secretary
APSPCB, Mahanagun

- The project area lies in reserve forest therefore, is it possible to carry out this project?
 - Will OIL follow and implement the Tribal Forest Act, 2005 in case of this project?
3. Shri N.K. Longchan, Public Leader, Changlang
- If OIL goes ahead with this project then the adjacent villages namely Namtok, Rangrinkan, Relang, Changlang, Kengkhu, Rangkhata, Khuchep will also be affected. Then why these villages have not been informed for this hearing?
 - OIL must be well equipped to tackle incidents of accidents.
 - Like other similar companies in the district will OIL also absorb only few local officers and unskilled labours in their Company?
 - If the exploration is commissioned in Longran then there will be deforestation. Namdang Wildlife will be affected.
 - Another hearing for project affected adjacent villages should be conducted.
 - The proposed project will not succeed if the project affected villagers are not taken into confidence. OIL must have a concrete agreement/memorandum signed with the project affected people.
4. Shri Daljung Salnang, Public Leader, Changlang
- Our district is the most exploited and deprived in the State. Earlier also natural resources have been exploited from the district but the locals' did not get the benefits. We will welcome this proposed project only if the locals are benefitted.
 - OIL must have proper and clear agreement with the locals regarding job benefits.
 - Intellectuals and all the public of the district must be informed for such meetings.
 - The proposed project area is dense forest inhabited with elephants and other animals. Commissioning of the proposed project will affect the natural balance. Therefore, on behalf of the public we object the project.
 - I request OIL to take local unemployed youths, give them training, make them skilled and then later absorb in the Company.
5. Shri N. Changmi, Public Leader, Changlang
- Similar project operational by OIL at Kumchai oil field have not benefitted the locals despite tall assurances given during that public hearing. Therefore, people have lost assurance and belief in OIL.
 - Only Longran has been identified as project affected village in this proposed project whereas other adjacent villages will also be affected. Therefore, why those villages have not been informed for this hearing?
 - OIL must take opinion about this project of the adjacent villages also.

