

Tour report of Shri Oris Syiem Myriaw, Hon'ble Member from 08/03/2010 to 11/03/2010

Tour report of Shri Oris Syiem Myriaw, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, New Delhi to review the Relief and Rehabilitation measures for Scheduled Tribe people displaced by 'Chhal Open Cast Project', Raigarh and 'Dipka Expn Project', Korba of SECL, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. Shri Vinod Aggarwal, Director, NCST, New Delhi also accompanied the Hon'ble Member during the visit.

08/03/2010 (Monday) & 09/03/2010 (Tuesday)

Visit to Chhal OCP

2. Project site and 'Lat' village was visited, where the project is being going on. During the interaction with the villagers, they expressed their satisfaction with the actions of the officers of the SECL except for the following demands:-

- (i) The employment to the member of 12 families who were displaced by the project as these families were not holding any land in the village 'Lat'.
- (ii) The employment to the member of 9 families whose land was acquired, but employment is not yet provided.
- (iii) Water facility in the rehabilitation site is not there or not sufficient.

Action : Project Authorities.

3. The rehabilitation village i.e. Gangadharpur (Lat) was visited where about 10-15 families are already residing and about 12-15 houses were under construction. There was one dispensary, panchayat bhavan and electrification of the area was there. A primary school was also got inaugurated by the Hon'ble Member.

4. During discussion with the Project authorities (a list of officers present during the discussion is at Annexure –I), they informed that out of total 423 families 255 are Schedules tribes which are Project affected families. Out of these 47 STs and 47 other families have only opted to settle in the rehabilitation village i.e. Gangadharpur (Lat), balance families have taken compensation and opted to settle some where else as per their preference. A presentation was made by the officers of SECL about the functioning of the SECL and especially about the Chhal OCP. Following issues were discussed

i) A wide ranging consultations, public hearings and comprehensive awareness plan about the survey conducted was done by the project authorities.

ii) 30 % solecism and 12 % interest is paid by the SECL over and above the actual cost of land. Even if the delay in disbursing the compensation to the PAPs is on part of the State authorities after submission of compensation amount in the State Govt. fund by the SECL, additional interest is born by the SECL to be paid to the PAPs.

iii) On the issue of long term sharing of profit including issue of convertible preference share to the displaced families, Project Authorities informed that this aspect can be considered after listing of CIL during the next financial year.

Action : Project Authority

iv) Payment of compensation is done by SECL before the actual displacement of the affected families.

v) Officers of the Project are approaching the PAPs for redressing their grievances.

vi) On the issue of pension (for life) to the vulnerable affected persons, it was informed by the officers of SECL that there is no such provisions at present. At the same time it was explained that free medical consultation is provided to all residents and in addition free medicines are also provided to members of BPL families. In addition, company is bearing all medical expenses of all accidental and emergency cases.

vii) It was informed by the project authorities that PAFs have constituted a registered committee and taking up the contractual work in the company in the project.

viii) 20 % of the tendered work can be provided to the PAFs at the lowest quoted price.

ix) SECL have arranged 56 LCV on loan and provided to the PAFs, as a source of income generation for them. SECL is hiring these vehicles from these PAFs.

x) Commission suggested that 12 families who were without land in the Lat village, SECL should arrange some employment opportunity either with SECL or with some contractor, some income generation source or self employment for them.

Action : Project Authority

xi) It was informed by the project authorities that the case of providing employment to the member of 9 PAFs whose land was acquired, will be finalized by March, 2010.

xii) Regarding the problem of water in the Gangadharpur, SECL officers explained that there are 6 hand pumps, 2 open well, 2 ponds and dedicated water supply for dispensary and school. SECL have provided water supply in the Panchayat Bhawan also. In addition to this, 2 hand pumps and one pond have been provided by the Gram Panchayat.

5. Meeting ended with thanks to Hon'ble Member.

10/03/2010 (Wednesday) & 11/03/2010 (Thursday)

Visit to Dipka Expn. Project

6. Project site and 'Jhingatpur' village was visited, where the project is being going on and 61 families are yet to be displaced. It was informed that some families of only two villages Jhingatpur and Malgaon were left for displacement. At present 61 families in Jhingatpur and 91 families in Magaon are residing in these villages. The Sarpanch of both the villages is common. During the interaction with the villagers, they expressed their satisfaction with the actions of the officers of the SECL except for the following demands:-

- (iv) Villagers expressed that they should be displaced at one place only as one group.
- (v) The employment to the member of displaced families should be provided.
- (vi) Facility in the rehabilitation site should be provided.

Action : Project Authorities.

7. The rehabilitation village i.e. Gandhi Nagar was visited where about 136 families were rehabilitated. This site was developed about 15 years back. There was one dispensary, panchayat bhavan, school and electrification of the area was there. Bhumi poojan was got done by Hon'ble member for installation of one borewell to feed 10 numbers of 1000 litre capacity tanks to be installed.

8. During discussion with the Project authorities (a list of officers present during the discussion is at Annexure –II), they informed that out of total 403 families 287 are Schedules tribes which are Project affected families. Out of these only 152 are left to be displaced in two villages of Jhingatpur and Malgaon, which are almost all Scheduled Tribes. Total number of PAPs with the Dipka Expansion Project are 1690 families; a number of families have taken compensation and settled else where without any intimation to the project

authorities. A presentation was made by the officers of SECL about the Dipka Expansion Project . Following issues were discussed

i) A wide ranging consultations, public hearings and comprehensive awareness plan about the survey conducted was done by the project authorities.

ii) 30 % solecism and 12 % interest is paid by the SECL over and above the actual cost of land. Even if the delay in disbursing the compensation to the PAPs is on part of the State authorities after submission of compensation amount in the State Govt. fund by the SECL, additional interest is born by the SECL to be paid to the PAPs.

iii) On the issue of long term sharing of profit including issue of convertible preference share to the displaced families, Project Authorities informed that this aspect can be considered after listing of CIL during the next financial year. The latest position in this regard that SEBI has already cleared listing of CIL.

Action : Project Authority

iv) Payment of compensation is done by SECL before the actual displacement of the affected families.

v) Officers of the Project are approaching the PAPs for redressing their grievances.

vi) As per the policy of the CIL, land is not provided as compensation and only financial assistance is provided as compensation.

vii) On the issue of pension (for life) to the vulnerable affected persons, it was informed by the officers of SECL that there is no such provisions at present. At the same time it was explained that free medical consultation is provided to all residents and in addition free medicines are also provided to members of BPL families. In addition, company is bearing all medical expenses of all accidental and emergency cases.

viii) The affected families owning house and whose house has been acquired or lost were allotted free of cost house site in rehabilitation site in addition to financial assistance as per the norms.

ix) The BPL families who were having house in the displaced village and not having any homestead land were provided free house site in the rehabilitation village in addition to free medical facilities and medicines.

x) It was informed by the project authorities that PAFs have constituted a registered committee and taking up the contractual work in the company in the project.

xi) 20 % of the tendered work can be provided to the PAFs at the lowest quoted price.

xii) SECL have arranged 45 LCV on loan with its surety and provided to the PAFs, as a source of income generation for them. SECL is hiring these vehicles from these PAFs.

xiii) Commission recommended that SECL should arrange some employment opportunity either with SECL or with some contractor, some income generation source or self employment for them for the PAFs.

Action : Project Authority

9. A delegation of village Gandhi Nagar met the Hon'ble Member and submitted that there are three basic problems of water, dust and irrigation to their agriculture fields. SECL officers assured that Bhoomi Poojan has been performed by the Hon'ble Member, NCST and they will commission the borewell and water tanks to solve the problem of water . To solve the problem of dust, water sprinklers are already installed and more sprinklers are being installed near their residential area. The Project officers further informed that the problem of irrigation of villager's field is outside the rehabilitation site. However, they assured that whatever best can be done, will be ensured to solve their problem, either by putting some mud or putting some pipes.

Action : Project Authority

10. Meeting ended with thanks to Hon'ble Member.

Annexure – I

Following officers were present:-

1. Shri R. S. Singh, Director(P),
2. Shri Z. H. Khan, General Manager,
3. Shri H. R. Chouhan, Asstt. Comm, Tribal Welfare,
4. Shri U. K. Gupta, L.O. SC/ST SECL
5. Shri O. P. Singh, G.M. (Operstions),
6. Shri D. H. Limsey,
7. Shri Uday Kumar, A.P.M.

Annexure – II

Following officers were present:-

1. Shri R. S. Singh, Director(P),
2. Shri D. K. Ghose, CGM, Dipka Area,
3. Shri A. K. Udeniya, Sub Area Manager, DEP,
4. Shri U. K. Gupta, L.O. SC/ST SECL,
5. Shri R. P. Shah, So(Proj & Planning),
6. Shri R. Rajeshwar, A.P.M.,
7. Shri Prakash Chandra, SO(Mining),
8. G. K. Sharma, SO(Civil)