

Minutes of the Public Consultation Meeting held on 20.11.2008 at 11.00 A.M. at Grievance Day Petition Hall, Taluk Office. Arivalur, Arivalur District.

NAME OF THE PROJECT: Kallankurichi Limestone Mines of
M./s. Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited,
Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk Ariyalur District

PRESENT:

1. Thiru R. Sudalaikannan, L.A.S.,
District Collector,
Ariyalur District
Ariyalur.
2. Er.C. Muthukani
District Environmental Engineer
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Trichy

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROJECT:

1. Thiru T. Rajendran, DGM (Unit Head),
M/s. Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited,
2. Thiru P. Dhesingh, Manager (Mines)
M/s. Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited
3. Thiru R. Muthaiyan, Executive Geologist
M/s. Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited
Ariyalur

PARTICIPANTS:

1. Tmt. C.Chandra, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
2. Tmt. Annakili, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
3. Tmt. Pattamma, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
4. Tmt. Alamelu, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
5. Thiru J. Vimalraj, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
6. Thiru.S. Soundararajan, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
7. Thiru C. Kathirvel, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
8. Thiru Kalaivanan, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
9. Thiru P. Sathishkumar, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
10. Thiru Manikandan, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
11. Thiru G.Dharmalaingam, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
12. Thiru K. Selvam, Khairulabad, Ariyalur Taluk
13. Thiru G.Sekar, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
14. Thiru T. Tamilarasan, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
15. Thiru A. Thangavel, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
16. Thiru C. Karuppaiah, Kallur, Ariyalur Taluk
17. Thiru R. Muthalagan, Srinivasapuram, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
18. Thiru V. Lakshmanana, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk,

19. Thiru M. Murugesan, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
20. Thiru Kaman, Thirumanur, Ariyalur Taluk
21. Thiru Palanisamy, Thirumanur, Ariyalur Taluk
22. Thiru M. Vedaselvan, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
23. Thiru R. Veeramani, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
24. Thiru D. Kolanjinathan, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
25. Thiru A. Tamilarasan, President, Srinivasapuram, Ariyalur
26. Thiru T. Anbarasan, Srinivasapuram, Ariyalur Taluk
27. Thiru T. Kulandaivel, Village Administrative Officer, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur
28. Tmt. G. Karuni, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
29. Tmt.M.Selvi, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
30. Tmt. M. Panjjali, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
31. Tmt. Kamalam, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
32. Tmt. Radhika Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
33. Tmt. Sivasanthani, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
34. Tmt.Panjalai, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
35. Thiru R. Harikrishnan, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
36. Tmt.R. Sathiya, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk
37. Thiru Ayyakannu, Kallankurichi, Ariyalur Taluk

The District Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Trichy welcomed the District Collector, Government officials, representatives of M/s. Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM) and the public who have gathered to attend the public consultation process of Kallankurichi Limestone Mines of M/s. Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited (TANCEM), Ariyalur.

He informed that as per EIA Notification as amended on 14.09.2006, public consultation is to be conducted for the proposed Kallankurichi Limestone Mines of M/s.TANCEM. The District Environmental Engineer has also informed that public hearing notice has been published on 18.10.2008 in Daily Thanthi and Financial Express so as to make awareness to the public to attend the public consultation meeting. By means of Dhandora medium, the local people have been informed regarding the proposed project and the public consultation meeting.

Then the District Collector, Ariyalur District, Ariyalur has requested the project proponent of M/s.TANCEM, Ariyalur to explain the details of the project briefly and requested the public to express their views about the project.

Thiru. R.Muthaiyan, Executive Geologist, M/s.TANCEM has explained the project details as below:

M/s.TANCEM, Ariyalur is a Government of Tamil Nadu enterprise, which has two cement factories at Alangulam, Virudhunagar District and Ariyalur, Ariyalur

District. Ariyalur unit has four mining lease (ie) three for Kallankurichi Limestone Mines and one for Anandavadi Limestone Mine. The proposed mining lease area of 30.045 Hectares belongs to M/s. TamilNadu Cements Corporation Limited, Ariyalur Cement Works, TamilNadu. The limestone taken from the proposed Kallankurichi Limestone mines will be used for cement manufacturing at M/s.TANCEM, Ariyalur. The unit is proposed to produce 33,600 Tonnes per Annum of limestone. The unit has proposed to adopt mechanised open cast with drilling and blasting methods for mining operation.

The unit has proposed to utilise 13m³/day of raw water for mining activities and domestic purposes. The unit has proposed to suppress the dust by way of water spraying, planting trees, etc. Also, the unit has proposed to contain the noise pollution by means of well equipped machineries, controlling the speed of truck, avoiding over loading of the truck and .by maintaining haul roads properly. He has informed that no waste water will be generated from the process.

Further, he has informed that about 36,400 Tonnes per year of waste arenaceous limestone and 4200 Tonnes per year of top. soil will be generated from the mining activities. The above waste will be utilised for refilling the existing exhausted mine pit No.3.

The unit authorities have also emphasised the need for Socio Economic Development and assured to provide the required assistance to the public with the permission of the management.

The District Collector requested the public to express their views on the proposed mining activity on environmental angles so as to record their views. The public aired their views as below:

1. Thiru A.Tamilarasan, President, Srinivasapuram Panchayat

Mettukudisai to Srinivasapuram road is to be improved for public movement. For the land acquisition meant for mining activities, the balance amount is to be paid by M/s.Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited, Ariyalur. The unit may assist to local panchayat so as to improve the activities of the panchayat.

2. Tmt.T. Chandra, President, Kallankurichi Panchayat

The existing lake formed under the Government of Tamil Nadu scheme namely

Anna Marumalarchi Plan is to be deepened by the unit for better performance and utilization.

3. Thiru C. Karuppaiah, Kallur

He has emphasized the importance of green belt development in Ariyalur District especially in and around the limestone mining areas. He has stressed that the green belt development will improve locality aesthetically.

4. Thiru T. Tamilarasan, Kallankurichi

He has informed that Mis. TamilNadu Cements Corporation Limited, Ariyalur was established and functioned during 1977. The unit is giving employment opportunities to about 600 persons directly and indirectly to the nearby villagers. From the new project employment opportunities may be given to more public and the socio economic aspects will be improved. He also stressed that the existing drinking water facilities available in the area are to be improved so as to supply drinking water regularly. Further he stressed that the unit has to ensure that the load carrying capacity of the local roads is studied and the vehicle carrying limestone are to be loaded suitably to minimize spillage, accident and damage to the roads.

The District Magistrate requested the unit authorities to reply to the public representations.

Thiru.T.Rajendran, DGM (Unit Head), M/s. Tamil Nadu Cements Corporation Limited, Ariyalur has assured that the requisite assistance will be provided to the nearby villages by obtaining proper approval from their head office.

It is ascertained from the public consultation that the project is welcomed by the public.

The meeting came to an end.

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