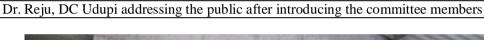
Public consultation meeting at DC's office, Udupi district, Karnataka on 19^{th} November 2011 between 9.30 am and 2.30 pm

A public hearing was held at the District Collector's office on 19th November 2011 convened by Dr. Reju, DC, Udupi district. The expert committee members (the committee appointed by the Government of Karnataka) interacted with the participants at public consultation meeting.

Residents in the vicinity of the TPP participated in the public hearing and about 55 people were heard by the committee. Certain issues raised by the people are listed below.

- Violation of human rights
- Public hearing was not done prior to the setting of TPP
- Environmental Monitoring Committee was not constituted prior to the setting of TPP
- Disinterest of TPP officials/district administration to visit the affected sites.
- Land with good crop yield was crushed down overnight during heavy rain by the company officials without giving any prior notification. The case was pending before the court.
- Fertile agricultural land was destroyed to set up the TPP
- Amount paid for acquiring 420 acres (consisting of forest and agricultural lands) is not as per NPV.
- Appropriate compensation was not provided to displaced families or inadequate rehabilitation of displaced families
- Lack of environmental surveillance and regular environmental monitoring
- Used equipments from China were deployed instead of high performing efficient equipments.
- 8villages were affected by TPP and residents are exposed to polluted air and contaminated water
- Tin sheets of houses were corroded due to deposition of saline mist
- High tension electric lines (11KV) were corroded due to saline mist deposition.
- Mixing of ash pond water into the nearby streams
- Discharge of coal mix and salt water to the streams at night time was frequent
- Drinking water sources (well water, etc.) were contaminated
- Paddy, jasmine, banana, cashew yield has drastically declined
- Since the TPP has been operational, nearly 50 plantain trees and 20-25 acres of jasmine plants have become unproductive, which are the only source of livelihood
- Sacred grove (nagabana) was destroyed during construction of the TPP and speculated to have nagadosha on the family
- Reduced natural fodder for cattle (fooder cops have declined and also the one grown are hardy and non-palatable)

- Increase in number of respiratory and skin problems allergy, bronchitis, dermatitis and asthma were common among the residents near TPP (Medical practitioners).
- Decrease in number of fishes in the effluent discharge area
- School children, on their way to schools have to close their nose while travelling
- Muslim madrassa students who attend the early morning sessions are exposed to increased black dust in the vicinity of TPP and observed to blacken their white clothes
- Over250persons haddied inside the UPCL complex
- High speed and hot flue gas emissions from TPP speculated to have influenced the Bajpe Airport crash.
- Panchayatpresidents complained they were not able to solve the problems of people
- Arrogant and irresponsible company officials harassing affected families who complain to district administration about the problems
- Insensitive to public woes and pro-company district administration





Committee Members conducting the sessions in the presence of DC



Public gathering (including media presence)



Affected peoples presenting their views to the committee





Corrosion of tin sheets

Skin infection



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