

ICFRE EIA Team Visits Bangalore and Bellary in Karnataka

(Date: 23 Aug to 29 Aug, 2011)

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order in Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) Nos. 7366-7367/2010 dated 5th August 2011 directed ICFRE to carry out Macro EIA study of Bellary District in Karnataka and submit its report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court in three months. Accordingly, a team of EIA experts from ICFRE, WII and FSI led by Dr. V.K. Bahuguna DG, ICFRE visited Bangalore and Bellary District in Karnataka from 23 Aug to 29 Aug, 2011. Karnataka state government made elaborate arrangements for the visiting team and declared Dr V K Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE as the **state guest** with full protocol for the entire visit. Elaborate security arrangements with full support from the district administration facilitated the visiting team. The team led by Dr Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE during the visit: interacted with senior state government officials at Bangalore on 24 and 29 August 2011; met district officials at Hospet, Bellary and listened to their presentations on 25 and 28 August 2011; met all major stakeholders involved in mining activities, listened to them and received their presentations on 25 August afternoon; and, carried out extensive inspection of the mining areas with full district team and in presence of mine owners/representatives. The visiting team got an overview of impact of mining activities on environments particularly on forests, wildlife and on human environment. The visit of the team is pictorially illustrated as below:-

A Meeting with Senior State Government Officials on 24 August 2011



Dr V K Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE chairing meeting of Karnataka Govt. Officials

B Meeting with Bellary District Officials on 25 August 2011



DC Bellary Welcoming Dr V K Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE



Dr V K Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE discussing Bellary visit with EIA team



District officials, Bellary Making presentation

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Meeting with Stakeholders on 25 August 2011



DC Bellary Mr AA Biwas, Welcoming EIA Team at Stakeholders Meet



Stakeholders Meet in Progress at Hospet on 25 August 2011



Stakeholders giving their representations Dr VK Bahuguna DG ICFRE



Stakeholders explaining their viewpoints Dr VK Bahuguna DG ICFRE

D. Meeting with Press on 25 August 2011



Press interviewing Dr. V K Bahuguna, DG, ICFRE on 25th August, 2011 at Hospet, Bellary



Press Members interviewing Team leader and DG, ICFRE Dr VK Bahuguna

E Field Inspection of Mining Areas on 26 August 2011



Dr VK Bahuguna explaining strategy to EIA team for Field Visit



Dr VK Bahuguna and team visiting Ramgarh Block mines in Sindur Taluka, Bellary



Dr VK Bahuguna discussing team officials Ramgarh Block mines in Sindur Taluka, Bellary



Dr VK Bahuguna inspecting boundary pillars of Jainath Mines in Ramgarh Block



Mined out Area of Jainath Mine in Sindur Forests



GM NMDC explaining to Dr Bahuguna mining by NMDC in Donamalai Block

F Field Inspection of Mining Areas on 27 August 2011



Dr VK Bahuguna inspecting Donamalai Block mines of NMDC



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Dr VK Bahuguna visiting mines in North East Block on 27th August 2011



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Dr VK Bahuguna inspecting the impact of mining on down stream areas

G. Meeting with Bellary District Officials on 28 August 2011



Dr VK Bahuguna addressing district officials on 28 August at Hospect, Bellary



Director, Mine Safety Making presentation about mining in Bellary



DC Belary Mr AA Biswas Making presentation about impact of mining in the district

H. Meeting with Senior State Government Officials on 24 August 2011



Mr A.A. Biswas, DC Belary Making presentation about impact of mining on Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandary in the district