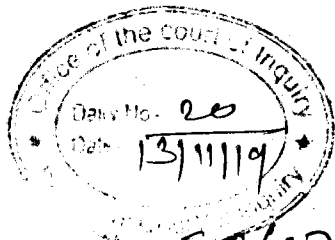


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In the matter of Court of Inquiry- Rajmahal.

Sl. No 901e7

OPEN CAST MINE ACCIDENT

I, Shivkant Pandey, S/o Late Medini Prasad Pandey, aged about 66 years, resident of Hill View North, P.O. Asansol, P.S. Asansol (S), Dist. Paschim Bardhaman, State West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:

That I have gone through the Notification dated 20/09/2019, signed by Smt. Rashi Verma, Chair Person to the Court of Inquiry and former Secretary to the Government of India, U/s 24 of the Mines Act, 1952, asking participation in the Court of Inquiry through filing Affidavit.

That I am acting as General Secretary of colliery Mazdoor Congress, for Eastern Coalfield Limited inter alia with Rajmahal Coal Mine since more than 40 years and working for the welfare and rights of the General Mazdoor of coal mines employed with Eastern Coalfield Limited as we have the branches all over the ECL.

That an unfortunate incident happened on 29/12/2016 claiming the lives of 23 contractual workers out of which 21 dead bodies had already been recovered.

That soon after getting the news of that unfortunate incident, I alongwith my other colleague of HMS had been to the spot at Raj Mahal Coal mines and had not only participated in the rescue operation but had also thoroughly examined the incident too.

That to unearth the real reality behind the unfortunate incident of 29/12/2016 occurred at Rajmahal OCP of ECL, I am desirous of participating the proceedings of the Hon'ble Court of Inquiry enabling it to conclude its finding and in suggesting remedial measures and other allied recommendation.

That a brief statement related to Rajmahal Open Cast Mine covering geology working in past etc. and the other matters related to the accident may kindly be made available to me for footing the facts.

That all the statements made above in this affidavit is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

That you are requested to accept this affidavit for participation of the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry of Rajmahal Open cast mine.

Solemnly affirmed by the deponent,  
identified by

All the statements made above in Who is duly  
this affidavit is true to the best

*Jitay Pratap Singh*  
Advocate,

*Shivkant Pandey*  
Deponent

solemnly confirmed & declared on  
oath before on identification

ASIM BANERJEE  
NOTARY Reg. No. 13/2007  
Govt of WB Asansol Court

05 NOV 2019