

S Alam Group's Response

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1) We are expressing our Mourn for the persons dead in the incident, which happened about 5 kilometers away from the proposed power plant project site. The [UTF-8?] sub-contractors people who were working at site have not got any involvement in the incident.

2) We were awarded to Build, Own and Operate (BOO) two numbers of 660 MW coal fired power plants by the Government through competitive bidding process. We formed Joint Venture (JV) companies with two renowned Chinese power plant developers named SEPCOIII and HTG, who own total 30% shares in the JV.

3) We have bought about 655 acres of land for development of the power plants where about 200 families were living. We have paid them money for the land more than the market value. Also we are taking adequate rehabilitation measures including building house for them, which are better than their previous ones and alternate source of earnings. All the sellers and the people living in the proposed power plant area are happy and have no complaint. For your information none of them were involved in above mentioned incident.

4) In the question of use cultivation land, we clearly mention here that, there was no good land for cultivation, only lands classified no crop, having salt field only.

5) We have done robust studies including environment and social impact studies before start of buying the land. We have also done series of public consultation meetings at the site area, displayed big signboards with the name of the project of coal fired power plant Company. Secretary, Power Division, Government of Bangladesh and the Chairman, Bangladesh Power Development Board with their team also visited the site several times and arranged different public consultation meetings at site. The environment study consultant is a very renowned and Government Owned Consulting Firm (CEGIS), they also have done required Public Consultation Meetings from environmental and social impact point of view at site and nearby public places for giving proper awareness to the people.

6) The public lands we have procured with unconditional consent and full awareness and they have also given registration of land upon getting full payment.

7) We own an industrial group in Bangladesh. The group operates more than 15 industries and each and every unit has been following environment and social norms. Here we will also follow 100% environment compliance terms.

Regards,

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