

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES
DEPARTMENT OF EXPLOSIVES
CIRCLE OFFIE , KARACHI

No.HYD-336/P/234

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Dated: 25-01-2016.

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Subject:- WRECKLESS HANDLING OF EXPLSOSIVES BY PAKISTAN STEEL MILL.


Reference: Your letter dated 15-12-2015

A complain received in this office with your letter cited above the contents of which are self explanatory . In this complain the grievances raised by complainant, Mr. Ahmed Ali Jatoi a retired Exen / In charge MLP , employ of Pakistan Steel:

- I. That 5000 kg Explosives is stored in jhumpir , for last 5 years , which poorly managed by un-qualified , unskilled , non professionals .
 - II. That he apprehend that the explosives substances would be stolen, decompose below at any time which may cause catastrophes and take life of innocent citizen.
2. The license granted by the Department of Explosives under Explosives , 2010 is subject to maintainable mandatory safety distances around explosives magazine to protect public ; provision of adequate safety and security arrangements around explosives magazine. In case any security laps or encroachment in such safety distances, such explosives license granted liable to be cancelled.
3. In view of above, undersigned has inspected on explosives magazine of M/s Pakistan steel under license No. HYD-346/E under Explosives, Rules, 2010, located at Jhampir and at the time of inspection following observations made:
- I. The said explosives magazine was found located at safe distance from population and maintain mandatory safety distances as required under Explosives Rules.2010.
 - II. The explosives magazine located in area which are under control of Pakistan Steel and no un-authorized person could access the magazine.
 - III. Four security persons found engaged for the security of magazine.
 - III. The facts could not by established regarding management of explosives magazine by un-skilled, un-qualified , non professionals .
 - IV. The explosives material regulated by Department of Explosives is low explosives and is permitted to store separately . Detonators and safety fuses must required as precursors to explode the explosives. That the apprehension that " explosives substances would be stolen, decompose below at any time which may cause catastrophes and take life of innocent citizen". is unjust as if explosion in worth case is considered then it must be have explosion impact below surface as inherent properties.
4. M/s Pakistan Steel personnel have informed they are in process of arrangement of

destruction of deteriorated explosives as it involves permission of various department like Explosives Department, Environment Department , District Authorities , expert persons , area where is it would to be destroyed .

5. M/s Transparency International is requested to forward copy of this report to complainant, Mr. Ahmed Ali Jatui and advise him submit reply , or contact this office in person with representative of Transparency International for any query/ discussion.


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