

Lokayukta Report: Facts on the Belekeri Port

(For more details see complete Lokayukta report at <http://ibnlive.in.com/news/read-ktaka-lokayukta-report-on-illegal-mining/171489-53.html>)

METHODOLOGY OF THE LOKAYUKTA IN GATHERING INFORMATION

Based on a complaint, the Lokayukta police seized computers and documents from Belekeri Port, offices of M/s. Adani Enterprises and Sri Mallikarjun Shipping in February 2010, and subsequently seized 8.06 lakh MT of iron ore being exported in excess of permit which was handed over to the Port Conservator for custody. In June 2010, it was found that 6.10 lakh MT of this seized iron ore was stolen from the port.

DETAILS OF PAYMENTS MADE

A file was retrieved from the computer attached with an internal e-mail dated 28th March, 2008, named 'cash a/c' from Accounts Section of Adani Enterprises, for getting approval of unaccounted payments made on behalf of Adani Enterprises, Belekeri port.

Details of the payments made on a regular basis were known from this seized computer record of Adani Enterprises. Payments were made to Port authorities, Customs authorities and Police Department on the following basis:

Designation at Belekeri Port	Amount paid (Rs.)
Port Director	50,000 (per ship sailed)
Port Officer	25,000 (per ship sailed)
DPC-Deputy Port Conservator	5,000 (per ship sailed)
Port staff	5,500 (per ship sailed)
AC – Customs	1,00,000 (quarterly)
Superintendent of Police	1,00,000 (bi-monthly)
Addl. Superintendent of Police	25,000 (monthly)
Deputy Superintendent of Police	10,000 (monthly)
Circle Inspector of Police	14,000 (monthly)
Outpost	5,000 (monthly)

Together the Belekeri port was involved in exporting 77.38 lakh metric tonne of iron ore in excess of permit between 2006 and 2011. There are four port service providers at Belekeri port and the quantum of loss involves all of them - M/s. Shree Mallikarjun Shipping, M/s. Adani Enterprises, M/s. Salgonkar Mining Industries, and M/s. Raj Mahal Silks.