



# WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN. ■

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## Coalition Updates.

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- Recently, the South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) announced its proposal to further expand the Gevra opencast coal mine in Korba, in the State of Chhattisgarh, aiming to be the world's largest coal producing mine. It has now sought for an environmental clearance and also held a public hearing in early June. The Gevra Coal mine is currently Asia's largest coal producing mine, surpassing Indonesia's Sangatta coal mine. However, local communities have been resisting this project, raising serious concerns around compensation, rehabilitation, air and water pollution and several health hazards that they are already reeling with. Laxmi Chauhan from Sarthak, has submitted a letter to the Expert Appraisal Committee, highlighting some serious flaws in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Gevra Expansion project. The data in the EIA on the air quality is highly misleading, given the fact that Korba is among the top 10 critically polluted regions in the

country. Furthermore, the EIA has neither cited any health impacts nor has any intended plans for conducting a health impact assessment. The State Health Resource Centre conducted a health impact assessment in the year 2020 that established significant prevalence of respiratory diseases among the mining impacted population in Korba. The letter has called for an immediate rejection of the current EIA and thereby defer the expansion proposal till a fresh EIA is conducted furnishing accurate information.

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