

# Regional Media Briefing Workshop



## Environment, Development and Livelihoods

December 27-29, 2006, Ranchi

### The Workshop Agenda

|                                       | Time             | Session  |
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| <b>Wednesday</b><br>December 27, 2006 | 9.00-9.30 am     | Registration   |
|                                       | 9.30-10.00 am    | <b>The 'Why' of this Workshop</b>  |
|                                       | 10.00-11.00 am   | <b>Sponge Iron Industry — A Growing Menace</b><br><i>Chandra Bhushan, associate director, CSE</i>  |
|                                       | 11.00-11.30 am   | <i>Film Show with Tea break</i>  |
|                                       | 11.30 am-1.00 pm | <b>Panel Discussion and Questions</b><br><i>Panelists: Chandra Bhushan, CSE • Shanti, Jharkhand Area Mines Monitoring Committee • Seerat Kachhap, BIRSA Mines Monitoring Centre • S K Singh, member-secretary, Jharkhand state pollution control board</i> |
|                                       | 1.00-2.00 pm     | <i>Lunch</i>   |
|                                       | 2.00-2.45 pm     | <b>NREGA – the Key Issues</b><br><i>Harivansh Narain Singh, chief editor, Prabhat Khabar, Ranchi</i>   |
|                                       | 2.45-3.30 pm     | <b>The Unemployment Scenario and the Development Potential of NREGA</b><br><i>Richard Mahapatra, coordinator, Natural Resource Management and Livelihood Unit, CSE</i>   |
|                                       | 3.30-4.15 pm     | <b>The Case of Jharkhand</b><br><i>Ashok Singh, principal secretary, Rural Development, Jharkhand</i>  |
|                                       | 4.15-4.30 pm     | <i>Tea Break</i>   |
|                                       | 4.30-6.00 pm     | <b>Panel Discussion and Questions — The Role of Panchayats</b><br><i>Panelists: Richard Mahapatra, CSE • Chandan Dutta, Society for Participatory Research In Asia • Ramlal Prasad, Jan Seva Parishad</i>  |

**Thursday-  
Friday,**  
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Field Trips (NREGA and sponge iron factories/ villages)

### To villages in Churchu Block in Hazaribagh

*The trip will provide you with opportunities:*

- To decipher issues and challenges involving sponge iron mining as well as NREGA.
- To get a first-hand look at how sponge iron impacts people, environment and livelihoods
- To analyze the development impacts of the Act if implemented in the right spirit.
- To judge whether panchayats have been empowered to implement the Act.

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