



**Ministry of Environment & Forests
Government of India**

**REPORTS ON THE LEAKAGE FROM RED MUD POND OF ALUMINA
REFINERY AT LANJIGARH IN DISTRICT KALAHANDI
IN ORISSA OF M/S VEDANTA ALUMINIUM LIMITED**

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The Ministry of Environment and Forests accorded environmental clearance in September, 2004 to M/s Vedanta Aluminium Limited for 1.0 MTPA Alumina Refinery and 75 MW Captive Power Plant at Lanjigarh in District Kalahandi in Orissa subject to stipulation of environmental safeguards.

Concerns were raised by Amnesty International and allegations in a section of the press regarding leakage from the red mud pond of alumina refinery due to heavy rain fall and pollution of nearby water bodies due to high pH.

To address the concerns and to oversee the compliance to the various stipulations and environmental safeguards by M/s Vedanta Aluminium Limited, officers of the Regional Office of the Ministry at Bhubaneswar and Orissa State Pollution Control Board, inspected the unit separately. As per these reports, there was no breach of the red mud pond and pH of the water body in the down stream of red mud pond was within the prescribed limits. Copies of these reports are at Annexure 1 & 2.