

# DON'T TAKE MY HOME AWAY

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**Dear Minister,**

Vedanta Aluminium is planning a six-fold expansion of its refinery in Lanjigarh, Orissa. As a result, some 800 families, largely Majhi Kondh adivasis, will lose their land and face further threats to their rights to water and health. Official reports have documented water and air pollution caused by the refinery. The surrounding communities have raised concerns about drinking and bathing in the polluted water. They also report skin, respiratory and other health conditions, which are not being monitored by medical authorities.

I urge you to ensure that:

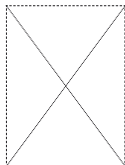
- permission to expand the refinery is refused until existing concerns are fully addressed and a comprehensive assessment of its potential human rights and environmental impacts is undertaken.
- the refinery undertakes a comprehensive clean-up of its pollution and reports on this publicly and regularly.

Yours sincerely,

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*Image:* Prafulla Majhi, one of the villagers whose land was taken by force by Vedanta Aluminium to build its refinery at Lanjigarh, October 2008.  
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