

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF M/S. INDIAN RARE EARTH LIMITED, FOR THE PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION PLANT FOR ROCESSING 1900TPA OF ZIRCON AND 3500 TPA OF ILEMENITE WITHIN THE EXISTING PREMISES OF ORISSA SANDS COMPLEX AT MATIKHALO, CHATRAPUR OF GANJAM DISTRICT.

VENUE: OLD SITE OFFICE OF M/S. INDIAN RARE EARTH LIMITED, IN FRONT OF SBI (IREL CAMPUS BRANCH) UNDER TAHASIL CHATRAPUR OF DISTRICT GANJAM ON 06.12.2016, AT 11.00 AM.

At the outset, Sri Mitrasen Majhi, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur welcomed all the persons assembled in the hearing. He briefed about the EIA notification, 2006 and the objectives of the public hearing. He stated that M/s Indian Rare Earths Ltd have proposed to have environmental assessment for establishing Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) for processing of 1900 TPA Zircon and 3500 TPA Ilemenite within the premises of Orissa Sand Complex, Matikhalo, Chatrapur, Dist.Ganjam and has applied to obtain environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study.

Publicity regarding public hearing was made in the following manners –

Advertisements through an Oriya daily “Dharitri” dated 29.10.2016 and an English daily “The Times of India” dated 29.10.2016 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, Executive Summaries (Oriya & English) and soft copy in the office of Collectorate Ganjam, Chatrapur, District Industries Centre(DIC), Ganjam, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, Regional Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & Department of Forest & Environment, Govt of Odisha and also in the website of State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar (www.ospcboard.org).

Executive summaries along with paper clippings regarding date, time, and venue of public hearing were made available to the Kallipalli Gram Panchayat, Kanamana Gram Panchayat, Arjipalli Gram Panchayat, Agastinuagaon Gram Panchayat, and Chamakhandi Gram Panchayat and Podapadar Gram Panchayat of Ganjam district.

Further announcements were also made through loud speaker regarding Public Hearing for information of the public in the surrounding villages.

He requested the audience to state their opinions orally or in written, based on the environmental aspects. Then he requested the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Ganjam, Sri Bijaya Kumar Dash, O.A.S. (S) to kindly preside and supervise the public hearing.

The Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Ganjam, welcomed the people for attending the hearing with a message to the audience that they should give their comments based on the Pollution related aspects. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking environmental clearance from the Govt. of India. Then he asked the representatives of M/s Indian Rare Earths Ltd to give the detail description on the project.

Sri Siba Prasad Behera, General Manager and Sri G.K.Nayak, Chief Manager of M/s Indian Rare Earths Ltd stated that the proposed project is a Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) for processing of 1900 TPA Zircon and 3500 TPA Ilmenite within the premises of Orissa Sand Complex, Matikhalo, Chatrapur, Dist.Ganjam. Then they presented the salient features of the project, the present status of the environmental conditions, possible impact on the environment due to execution and operational activities and the remedial measures to be undertaken by the project proponent to reduce the impact while executing the project.

They concluded that a suitable Environmental Management Plan has been formulated and would be continuously upgraded to mitigate the impact on the different components of the environment.

Then the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Ganjam, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project; specifically relating to environmental issues. About 500 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, but nobody has signed in the attendance sheet, 34 persons registered in the deliberation sheet and 26 persons participated in the oral deliberation. The attendance sheets of deliberators is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

The statements recorded are as follows.

01. Sri N.Duryodhana Reddy, Chatrapur.

He addressed the gathering and showed his dissatisfaction and said that M/s.Indian Rare Earths Limited has not fulfilled the promise made in the previous Public Hearing and not taken any steps towards education, pollution problem plantation and road. Due to the Indian Rare Earth Limited the local people are facing kidney problem, skin disease and even effected by cancer. Therefore they all opposes the project, and said that TDP plant should go back.

02. P.Dharma Reddy, Kanamana G.P.

He addressed the gathering and said that M/s Indian Rare Earths Ltd has not taken any step for its Monazite Processing Plant as per the commitment made earlier, hence he opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

03. Krushna Chandra Nayak, Chatrapur.

He was not able to present his deliberation due to disturbance of the audience.

04. Duryodhana Nahak, Chamakhandi.

He opposed the establishment of Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) plant of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

05. Nilakantha Das, Pattapur.

He also opposed the establishment of Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

06. R.Polleya Reddy, Kanamana G.P.

He opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) plant of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

07. Eju Amin Khan, Chatrapur.

He said that all the student union grossly opposing the project.

08. S.Mohan Rao, Badaputi.

He said that they are opposing the establishment of Technology Demonstration Plant of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

Gurudev Behera, Badaputi.

He said that due to M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited the local people are facing serious health problem hence they strongly opposing the establishment of Technology Demonstration Plant of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

10. M.Dasudu, Sana Arjipali Ward Member.

He said that they are opposing the establishment of the Technology Demonstration Plant of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

11. A.Venkata, Bada Arjipalli.

He demanded that TDP and the MOP plants should be stopped. Further he said that he is opposing the project.

12. Ramesh Chandra Sahu, Matikhalo.

He opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

13. Muna Pradhan, Matikhalo.

He also opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

14. Arjun Pradhan, Chamakhandi G.P.

He said that they are strongly opposing the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

15. G.Arya, Youth INTUC, Ganjam (District President).

He addressed the gathering and said that M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited has not properly taking steps to control the pollution problem, further he said that due to the pollution of IRE Ltd. the temperature is rising from 20⁰C to 40⁰C. Therefore he opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

16. Prasanta Kumar Kar, Vice-Chairman, Chatrapur Block.

He addressed the audience and requested to postpon the public hearing to an another date.

17. S.Chakrepani Reddy, Takiria Berhampur.

He showed his disappointment and said that they are sacrificing for the last 35 years for M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited but they have not given employment though they have committed during the establishment of Monazite Processing Plant of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited. Therefore he demanded that the project should be rejected by the local people.

18. Ganesh Sahu, Puruna Chatrapur.

He opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

19. Padma Charan Sahu, Sarapanch Kallipalli G.P.

He said that they are facing kidney problem due to M/s. Indian Rare Earths Limited therefore he opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

20. Santosh Kumar Sahoo, Chamakhandi.

He said that they have lost their land and forest for the Industry and therefore, he strongly opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

21. J.Aginashu, Baginipeta

He said that M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited taking life of the local people hence he opposed the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

22. P.Lambodhara Reddy, Kallipalli.

He opposed the establishment of the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

23. Basanta Pradhan, Chandrapadar.

He said that they are opposing the establishment of the Technology Demonstration (TDP) plant of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

24. Gobinda Chandra Sahu, Uppulapati.

He opposed the establishment of the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.

25. R.Dandapani Reddy, Tikiria Berhampur.

He opposed the establishment of the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.



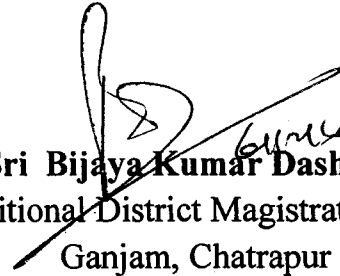
26. B.Simadri, Tikiria Berhampur.

He opposed the establishment of the Technology Demonstration Plant (TDP) of M/s Indian Rare Earths Limited.



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State Pollution Control Board, Odisha
(Assisted as representative of
State Pollution Control Board)



(Sri Bijaya Kumar Dash, OAS(S))
Additional District Magistrate (Revenue)
Ganjam, Chatrapur
(Presided and Supervised
the public Hearing meeting)