PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 20.12.2020 AT 11 AM IN TEHSIL OFFICE OF HINDOL IN DHENKANAL DISTRICT, IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF M/S RUNGTA MINES LTD. FOR DHENKANAL STEEL PLANT FOR ENHANCEMENT OF ITS STEEL MANUFACTURING CAPACITY FROM 3.0 MTPA TO 3.55 MTPA FINISHED STEEL AND POWER PLANT CAPACITY FROM 385 MW TO 695 MW AT VILLAGE JHARBANDH, GALPADA, TARKABEDA, BERUAN PAL, KANIKALU, BENIPATHAR, KADALA AND BADAMUNDA IN THE DISTRICT OF DHENKANAL.

Public hearing in respect of Environmental Assessment of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. for Dhenkanal Steel Plant for enhancement of its Steel manufacturing capacity from 3.0 MTPA to 3.55 MTPA finished Steel and Power Plant capacity from 385 MW to 695 MW at village Jharbandh, Galpada, Tarkabeda, Beruan Pal, Kanikalu, Benipathar, Kadala and Badamunda in the District of Dhenkanal.

With reference to:

i. EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14-09-2006

The panel consisted of following members:

- i. Sri Sashank Sekhar Dash, Additional District Magistrate, District- Dhenkanal
- ii. Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board Angul.

Sri Sashank Sekhar Dash, Additional District Magistrate District- Dhenkanal supervised and presided over the meeting, assisted by Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul and the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Angul.

At the outset Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul welcome the other panel member and the public, gave a introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notifications -2006 in respect of Environmental Assessment for of M/s Rungta Mines Limited for Dhenkanal Steel Plant for 3.55 MTPA capacity steel along with 695 MW Captive Power Plant at Jharbandh, Galpada and Tarkabeda Beruan Pal, Kanikalu, Benipathar, Kadala and Badamunda villages in Dhenkanal District.

Sri Debabrata Misra, Sr. General Manager (Project) of M/s Rungta Mines Ltd of Dhenkal Steel Plant on behalf of the project proponent addressed the committee members and assembled public and gave a brief description about the proposed project. He also

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briefed about the peripheral development work that had been taken up in this area, and informed about the Environmental Management, Pollution Control Measures, Solid Waste Management of the related project. The copy of the statement of the industry read out at public hearing proceedings is enclosed.

Regarding public hearing of M/S Rungta Mines Ltd of Dhenkanal Steel Plant at Jharbandh, Galpada, Tarkabeda, Beruan Pal, Kanikalu, Benipathar, Kadala and Badamunda villages of Dhenkanal District was publicized at the office notice Board of Galpada Gram Panchayat Office, Kantinili Gram Panchayat office notice Board, BDO Office at Hindol, Tahasil Office Hindol, Jilla Parisad Office Dhenkanal and local villages of Jharbandha, Galpada and Tarkabeda etc.

Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board Odisha then invited the public to present their views about the proposed project on environmental consideration.

The views expressed by various speakers are as follows:

1 Sri Ganeswar Sahu, Village- Kadala

He expressed that his village is situated at about 30 km distance which is far away from this venue of public hearing and deo to inadequate vehicle facility, most of the villagers could not able to come here to deliver their views. He mentioned that some persons did not agreed to come this venue because of transportation cost. He told that public hearing should be conducted within the village panchayat area instead of conducting this place. He could not want to say anything about the public hearing. He told that todays meeting may be continued in this place but simultaneously he urged that next meeting shall be conducted at any village adjacent to Dhenkanal Steel plant.

2 Sri Rabi Parida, Village- Galapada

He welcomed the gathering of the public hearing and also welcomed the proposed expansion project of the industry. He mentioned that local villagers gave land for set up of steel plant. He appreciated the company towards their extensive support to the nearby villages with respect to different peripheral developmental works with respect to drinking water facility, construction of roads, cleaning of village ponds and other so many developmental programmes. So he urged all industry to take more initiative for local employment opportunity, adequate compensation for the displaced persons, better education facility, drinking water facility, health care facility and making the greenery within the industrial premises. He finally requested to the villagers to give more land to Rungta Company for expansion programme.

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3 | Sri Soumya Ranjan Nath

He asked the participants of the public hearing meeting that whether villagers gave land to Rungta Company for construction of steel plant or the Rungta Company given land to the villagers. If villagers given lands to Rungta company then any type of meeting shall be conducted within village Panchayat premises. Those villagers are in favour of the industry they may provide land to Rungta Company. He expressed that his village is situated far away from this venue of public hearing and deo to inadequate vehicle facility, most of the villagers could not able to come here to deliver their views. He also mentioned that some persons did not agreed to come this venue because of road traffic congestion and there may be road accident. He told that public hearing should be conducted within the village panchayat area instead of conducting this place. He mentioned that he is having 11 to 12 acres of land but he will not provide any land to Rungta Company. He could not want to say anything about the public hearing and demanded that next meeting shall be conducted adjacent to any village of Dhenkanal Steel plant.

4 Sri Prakash Chandra Behera, Village- Galapada

He expressed that the villagers given land for set up of the industry since 2006-07. Till date the company has not able to establish the industry. After facing lot of difficulties he presented here to deliver his views about the public hearing. He wrote a letter to Sub Collector, Hindol, about shifting the venue of public hearing place as this venue is far distance from the Rungta Company premises and villagers could not able to come in this place due to far distance from the industry. He also pointed out that another public hearing of Rungta Company has earlier conducted in this vanue and they mentioned about the distance of public hearing venue. They requested to conduct public hearing within their village premises. The Sub Collector replied to him that the venue already fixed earlier and communicated to Department and local villagers, so he requested the villagers to come to this place and express their views about the public hearing. Simultaneously, Sub Collector told that any type of next meeting shall be conducted within the village area adjacent to Rungta Company. He expressed that the villagers given land for set up of the industry since 2006-07 with a hope that the villagers will be benefitted with respect to benefit of local employment engagement and generation of revenue for the Government . Till date the company has not able to establish the industry. He stressed that he gave 18 acres of land to Rungta Company and being a MBA qualified person, Rungta Company did not given employment benefit to him. He mentioned that he is having six brothers and all are educated and settled. He demanded to give employment benefit to their entire family members to this company. He told that there are many lands available which is not suitable for cultivation. He also mentioned that there are so many industries are operating surrounding their village and causing pollution. Due to dust pollution he could not able to move freely during night time. He complained to District Collector and Pollution Control Board but no improvement taken place. He

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pointed out that during 2006 villagers given land to Company @ Rs. 1,75,000 per acre but during 2013 the land cost become much higher. So he demanded to provide more money towards for the villagers those given land during 2006. Finally he himself and on behalf of villagers concluded that he will not support for the expansion of industry.

5 Sri Jambeswar Behera, Village - Tarkabeda

He expressed that M/s Rungta Company has provided their extensive support to the nearby villages in respect to drinking water facility and other developmental programme. Without elaborating anything in detail he supported the project.

6 Sri Nagen Pradhan, Village- Tarkabeda

He supported the views expressed by Sri Prakash Behera. He mentioned that after facing lot of difficulties villagers gathered here to express their valuable views. He asked to the people of the meeting that whether they will agree to provide land for construction of industry or not. He urged to the company to follow strictly industrial policy guideline so that all the nearby villagers will be benefitted. He demanded that the company should take initiative for more local employment opportunity. There should not be any type of outside contractor and local contractors shall be given priority inside the industry. He finally told that he will support the industry subject to there shall be better employment opportunity, heath care facility and further development activities in the periphery.

7 Sri Chandrahasya Panigrahi, Village- Beruan Pal

He expressed that he will provide land to M/s Rungta Company. Without elaborating anything in detail he supported the project.

8 | Sri Nata Behera, Village-Kothalu

He expressed that he is having some land adjacent to Rungta Company boundary wall. Without elaborating anything in detail he requested to take necessary steps for acquire of that land.

9 Sri Biranchi Narayan Behera, Village-Galapada

He welcomed the gathering of the public hearing and also welcomed the proposed project. He told that public hearing should be conducted within the village panchayat area instead of conducting this place. He expressed that the proposed project would lead to more development in the area and generation of more employment opportunity for the nearby villagers. He told that villagers are still unemployed today. He mentioned that villagers are ready to provide land for construction of industry. He also demanded that, the industry should provide exact valuation of the land cost, local employment as per their educational qualification, adequate pollution control measures and better drinking water facility. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he supported the project.

10 | Sri Sanjay Nayak, Village-Galapada

He appreciated the company towards their extensive support to the nearby villages

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with respect to different peripheral developmental works and other so many developmental CSR programmes. Simultaneously he requrested to the District Administration to verify the CSR developmental works whatever done by Rungta Company. He also mentioned that due to Covid 19 situation, villagers could not able to go outside for earninbg money and their family members faced lot of problems. At that time Rungta being the neighborhood company engaged themselves in their company and appreciated to Rungta Company. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he made a strong opinion in favour of the proposed project.

11 Sri Santosh Pradhan, Sarpanch, Village- Kadala

He expressed that most of the company agreed to engage local villagers in their industry during construction phase or during operational stage. But at the time of operation of the industry they did not follow the recruitment of local villagers and maximum outsiders are given priority. He expressed that there are so many ITI completed persons available in their Panchayat area but they are not getting employment opportunity in these industry. So he demanded that the company should take initiative for more local employment opportunity. So he finally expressed that he may supports the proposed project subject to (i) there should be the provision for involvement local ITI completed students (nearby village) (ii) adequate land compensation facility and (iii) Peripheral development.

12 | Sri Baikunatha Sahoo , Village- Galapada

He appreciated the peripheral developmental work as done in their village by Dhenkanal Steel Plant of M/S Rungta Mines Ltd. He also conveys his thanks to the company for engaging maximum workers from the nearby village. He welcomed the proposed project. He also urged the Company authority that with the industrial activity the industry should provide local employment based on their educational qualification. He also expressed his sincere thanks to District Administration of Dhenkanal District for taking initiative in respect to developmental activities in this area. He added that the company should give more attention towards PDC development in the area. His demands were

- a) Local employment opportunity,
- b) Repair and maintenance of nearby village roads
- c) Provision of one Primary Health Centre at Galapada village
- d) Adequate pollution control measures and
- e) More peripheral work.

13 | Sri Gangadhar Dash, Village- Kothalu

He appreciated the all-round environmental compliance done by the M/S Rungta Company Ltd. He lauded the developmental works taken up by the company and supported the opinion as described by the previous speaker. Without elaborating anything in detail he mentioned that Rungta Company executives are well behaved persons.

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14 | Sri Mangaraj Pradhan, Village- Kadala

He appreciated the all-round environmental compliance done by the M/S Rungta Company Ltd. He mentioned that he is having 20 acres of land and agreed to provide the entire land to Rungta Company. He requested the company to engage some family members in their company. Without elaborating anything in detail he supported the expansion proposal of the industry.

15 | Sri Prasanta Kumar Naik, Village- Galapada

He welcomed the gathering of the public hearing and also welcomed the proposed project of the industry. He appreciated the company towards their extensive support to the nearby villages with respect to different peripheral developmental works and other so many developmental CSR programmes. He He expressed that it was his great pleasure that till date no accident happened inside the industry. Companies safety measures is highly appreciable. He mentioned that surrounding village peoples have been working in different metro cities like Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennei and other cties but due to Covid issue all the workers have left their job. But Rungta Company did not removed any employee from their industry. He also mentioned that if the villagers will support the industry, then so many local people will engage inside the industry. He expressed his displeasure towards environmental management of M/s Bhusan Steel Ltd. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he made a strong opinion in favour of the proposed project.

16 | Smt. Kalpana Naik, Village- Galapada

She corroborated the peripheral developmental work as done by the proponent. She also welcomes the proposed expansion project. She appreciated the all-round environmental compliance done by the company. She expressed that Rungta Company has been doing all types of developmental work to the villagers, and conducting different environmental awareness programme. She also mentioned that many persons from a single family may not be necessary for employment benefit in the industry. She demanded to provide more educational help to the children's who may join the same company in future after getting proper education. She supported the proposed project.

17 | Sri Chintamani Naik, Village Galpada

He expressed that he is a well-known painter in this area. He expressed that the proposed expansion project will lead to development in the area and also for locals. He mentioned that he gave his valuable Kisam Gharbari land to industry. He expressed his happiness towards the developmental works done by the Rungta Company. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he supported the project.

18 | Sri Pranabandhu Sahu Village, Jharbandha

He expressed that villagers who gave land to Rungta Company are still poor and not comfortably living. They already utilized the land cost . He requested to engage some

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family members to the company so that they will survive smoothly. He told that the company shall clarify in respect to how many local people given employment benefit to their industry. Without elaborating anything in detail he urged that the company shall give priority for local employment benefit, pension facility to Sr. Citizens and more CSR works in the surrounding villages.

19 Smt. Bini Sahu, Village Jharbandha

She also welcomes the proposed expansion project. She appreciated the all-round environmental compliance done by the company. She mentioned that many previous speakers told that why the public hearing could not conducted in their village premises. But she mentioned that there may be more disturbance happened if the public hearing conducted within the village as different village people have different mind set up. She this public hearing venue is appropriate. She finally concluded that they will extend their extensive support to the industry in all respect.

20 Smt. Naban Naik, Village-Galpada

She lauded the developmental works taken up by the company and supported the opinion as described by the previous speaker. She expressed that with the industrial activity will lead to all round development in the area. She supported the project.

21 | Sri Sanjay Dhar, Village- Galapada

She expressed that during the time of inauguration period of industry (Bhumi Puja) she was present at the site. She expressed that with the industrial activity will lead to all round development in the area. She told many persons will give different views that may be in favor of industry or against the industry. It depends on the industry to react it. Without elaborating anything in detail she urged that the company shall give priority for local employment benefit, pension facility to Sr. Citizens, provision of health center and more CSR works in the surrounding villages.

22 | Sri Sanjay Dhar, Village- Galapada

He expressed that industries, workers, contractors and villagers are busy with their own business. But what is the output. During land acquisition phase every industry assured to the local villagers that they will give first priority to engage the local people in their industry but ultimately the industry failed to comply it thereby disturbances occurred among the villagers against industry. Similarly, during land acquisition phase, Rungta Company assured the villagers that they engage maximum people from the nearby local village. But since 2006, the company has not completed its construction activity and local villagers could not able to engage in the company and facing many problems. after construction phase of the industry did not comply the provision of local employment benefit. He mentioned that there are many people who completed ITI course but till date could not able to get engagement in any industry. He added that the company should give more attention towards PDC development in the area. His demands were

- a) Local employment opportunity based on their educational qualification,
- b) Adequate land compensation and

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c) More peripheral work. Smt. Lalita Naik , Village- Galapada 23 Her demands were a) Engagement to her son in the Rungta Company, b) Local employment opportunity, c) Repair of village roads d) New health center at their village e) Adequate land compensation and f) More peripheral work. 24 Sri Mayadhar Pradhan, Village- Tarkabeda He expressed that expansion in industrial activity and production will lead to all round development in the area. He also expressed satisfaction over the health care facility, road development work, drinking water facility and other developmental works in this villages. He demands were 1. Local Employment based on educational qualification. 2. Health care facility at Tarkabeda village 3. Repair of village roads 4. Adequate pollution control measures. He expressed his views in support of the proposed project.

Sri Upendra Behera, Village-Tarkabeda 25

He expressed that he is a displaced person and gave his land for set up of the industry. He urged to all members in this gathering to support M/S Rungta Company for setting up of industry. He expressed his unhappiness towards M/S Rungta for not commissioning of industry though 13 years has already passed. He requested to the company that they should discuss with the local people for any type of developmental works in an around of this area. So he urged the company to take more initiative for local employment opportunity, adequate infrastructure facility for the village roads, better education facility and other peripheral developmental works. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he supported the proposed project.

Sri Jayanta Parida, Village-Beunra Pal 26

His demands were

- a) Engagement to her son in the Rungta Company,
- b) Local employment opportunity.
- c) Repair of village roads
- d) New health center at their village
- e) Adequate land compensation

Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he supported the proposed project.

27 Smt. Sabita Naik, Village- Galapada

She mentioned that some previous speakers were informed that they gave land to

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the industry and demanding employment to the whole family members. She asked to those members that whether they given land to Company with free of cost? They must taken adequate land cost. Why further they are demanding. Se expressed that expansion in industrial activity and production will lead to all round development in the area. She also expressed satisfaction over the health care facility, road development work, drinking water facility and other developmental works in this villages. He expressed her views in support of the proposed project.

28 Smt. Jhilli Naik, Village- Galapada

She supported the views expressed by the previous speakers. She demanded that local employment opportunity, better education facility for the poor children and provision of one health center for nearby village to be initiated by the proponent. She expressed her opinion in favour of the proposed expansion of the project.

29 | Sri Antaryami Behera Village- Beruan Pal

He expressed that M/s Rungta Company has provided their extensive support to the nearby villages in respect to drinking water facility and road infrastructure facility. He demanded that the company should provide local employment opportunity, one Primary Health Center with heath care facility for the villagers. Without elaborating anything in detail he supported the project.

30 | Sri Devendra Kumar Nayak, Village- Beunran Pal

He expressed that most of the previous speakers informed about land encroachment directly by Rungta Company but they does not know that any industry can not directly purchased land from the land owner. Industry acquired land through Government. He also mentioned that the industry has already obtained Environmental Clearance for set up of the industry. This public hearing is only for expansion proposal. He pointed out that very few people were given regular appointment by Bhusan Steel Ltd. Even company has not been paying adequate salary to this type of contractual or labor type employees. Most of the time it is seen the major numbers of employees including officer level are from Bengal and Bihar State. They are not interested for engaging the local people. Bhusan Steel has been creating air and water pollution. He mentioned that he was an employee of Steel Making Shop in M/s Bhusan Steel Ltd and presently he lost his job. The Administration and Pollution is not taking necessary steps towards control of pollution. He urged to the Rungta Company that they should not do this type of practice. Rungta Company shall follow all types of pollution control measures along with more peripheral developmental work.

31 | Sri Antaryami Sahoo, Village- Jharabandha

He asked to the District Administration that why public Hearing is being conducting in Hindol area and why not in their village area. He expressed that the villagers given land for set up of the industry since 2006-07. Till date the company has not able to establish the industry. Major land given by Jharabandha village. Simultaneously he stressed that there are many other industries which are operating nearby their

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village area are not given adequate local employment opportunity. Till date the Company has not establish their industry doing some peripheral development work with respect to development of nearby village roads and drinking water facility. He will not give any land to Rungta Company. He mentioned that about 10 years passed no RPDAC meeting has been conducted in the District. He expressed that the company should be positive and demanded that the company should deploy more local people for employment. He finally concluded that there should not be any type of encroachment of additional land from Jharbandh village.

32 | Sri Shatrughana Pradhan (Secretary), Village- Jharbandha

He expressed that public hearing shall be conducted within close proximity of the industry and why it is conducted in Hindol area. He mentioned that due to elephanty attack, two person of their village died and elephant also damaged their crops. He expressed that the village committee demanded to clean their village ponds and concreting of road from Tarkabeda village to Jharbandh village. Till date part of road is being concreted. So they demanded to concrete the entire road. He expressed that two days before the village Committee has conducted a meeting and it was decided that the industry should take more initiative for peripheral development programme with immediate local employment opportunity, better health care facility, Drinking water facility, cleaning of village pond and adequate pollution control measures.

33 | Sri Sashi Bhusan Samal, Village- Kadala

He expressed that he is always in support of the industry. He mentioned that the older generation people were mostly depends on agricultural activity and they did not prefer for service. But at present our present generation are educated and not interested in any type of agricultural activity. In future generation people will not also prefer cultivation. They completed different types of education and doing service or business. It is the technological and generation change and we have to accept it. So industry is the only option for local development in all respect. He also mentioned that during 2003 there was a meeting in Kankalu village and he was present at that meeting. It was decided that every villagers will support the industry for construction. He pointed out that some employees of Tata BSL Ltd. are getting only Rs. 3000/-* per month which is not adequate to run his family members. Unless the villagers are not become main contractor of any industry there will not possible of any type of local development. We have to always act that the company belongs to us and we have to develop it. With the help of Government and Company there is possibility of development. We have to make the area clean and develop. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he made a strong opinion in favour of the proposed project.

34 | Sri Prakash Dash Village- Jharabandha

He expressed that the company acquired land during the year 2003 to 2006. It was happened when Smt Usha Padhy was Collector, Dhenkanal. Under her supervision, villagers got land cost upto rupees two lakhs as compensation. Why villagers

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agitating against the industry. Every person should support industry. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he made a strong opinion in favour of the proposed project.

35 Sri Pratap Panigrahi, Village- Beunra Pal

His demands were

- a) Adequate land compensation
- b) Engagement to her son in the Rungta Company,
- c) More peripheral development
- d) Local employment opportunity,
- e) Health care facility

Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he supported the proposed project.

36 Sri Sisir Kumar Dalai, Village- Galapada

He shouted that the entire land belongs to Government. We have to give land for making the development of our area or industrial purpose. Till date Company has not completed their construction activity but they started peripheral developmental activity. Company has not started till date but villagers are demanding for employment. After completion of industry they will go for recruitment and if that time they violate then we can raise this type of question. He also expressed satisfaction towards overall peripheral developmental work done by the industry.

37 Sri Ajaya Kumar Majhi,Sarapanch Village- Galapada

He expressed that land matter issued has already been described by previous speakers. He told that this industry has acquired land since 2006 and they already obtained Environmental clearance. This public hearing is only for expansion proposal. He expressed that the Dhenkanal Steel Plant of M/s Rungta Mines Limited may be a good company. The company always wanted to develop this area in all respect. Industrialization is the back bone of any development. He expressed that industrialization will lead to more development of the area with respect to health, wealth, education, peripheral developments etc. He welcomed the public hearing. He demanded that those villagers who gave land for establishment of the industry, so the authority should give priority for giving employment benefit to the family members of land owner.

38 | Sri Santosh Gadnaik, Sarapanch. Village- Kadala

He expressed that industry in an area is directly or indirectly related to the development in the surrounding area. He mentioned that M/s Bhusan Steel is situated at about 3 km distance from Kadala village. The village ponds become polluted and a dust layer formed on the surface of pond water. So he requested that Rungta has acquired land from these villages for set up of their industry. No drought there will be some pollution but the industry shall always keep in their mind that the local villagers will be given some percentage of financial benefit in terms of CSR activity. Now a day in every village there is the major problem of unemployment. If

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industries proposed to set up in this area, we should as a whole welcome it, so that the local unemployment problem will be able to solve. He requested to the proponent to go for expansion with adequate pollution control measures. He demanded that local employment shall be given top priority as per their educational qualification. He expressed his opinion in favour of the proposed expansion project.

39 Sri Akrura Naik, Village -Galapada

He welcomed the gathering of the public hearing and also welcomed the proposed project of the industry. He expressed that he is a displaced person and gave his land for set up of the industry. He appreciated the company towards their extensive support to the nearby villages with respect to different peripheral developmental works like provision of funds towards marriage of poor people, sports material to nearby villages, provision of funds for different local festivals and other so many developmental programmes. He also requested to the viallagers that they should not bias politically. Government cannot fulfill their village demands immediately but if they maintain good relation and harmony with the industry, then all type of problems can be solved easily. We will not have to depend on Government. So he urged all the villagers to support the industry. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he made a strong opinion in favour of the proposed project.

40 | Sri Ashok Kumar Samal, Village- Kadala

He expressed that previously Rungta Company has not acquired any land from Karala village and for which the Karala village people could not able to get any employment benefit. But presently company has decided to acquire land from Karala village area and an agreement has been made that Karala village people will be given opportunity for employment in Rungta Company based on their educational qualification. He also requested to the villagers that they should not bias politically particularly from small leaders. Villagers should maintain good relation and harmony with the industry, then all type of problems can be solved easily. He also urged to the villagers to provide their lands to Rungta Company after availing adequate compensation. So he urged all the villagers to support the industry. Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he made a strong opinion in favour of the proposed project.

41 | Sri Basanta Kumar Behera, Village- Beunra Pal

He expressed that this public hearing is only to discuss about environmental aspects only. He mentioned that expansion of industry would lead to all round development in the area. He welcomed the expansion project. His demands were

- a) Local employment opportunity,
- b) Repair of village roads
- c) New health center at their village
- d) Adequate land compensation
- e) More afforestation programme

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- f) English medium School and
- g) Peripheral development.

Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, he made a strong opinion in favour of the proposed project.

42 Sri Deepak Kumar Behura, Village- Jharbandh

He expressed that till date it is unknown to all the surrounding villages of the industry that how much land is required to acquire for their expansion project. He mentioned that Rungta is a very good company. Their CSR work is highly appreciable. In comparison to other nearby industries, the Rungta Company has spent more money towards peripheral development. The villagers have some coordination problem and can not express their problem neither with the Government not with the industry. He urged to the villagers to maintain good harmony and good relationship with the industry as well as with the Government. Whatever demands or issues of the villagers required to solve, it should be placed in a right time with exact place that may be at Government site and industry so that it will solve easily.

43 | Sri Adikanda Naik, Village- Tarkabeda

He expressed that the name sounds "industry or Company" is very beautiful. Before industrialization this area was completely barren land. Some land were cultivated lands. Villagers living standards were not good. Most of the people mostly goes to different cities for earning money. Now Rungta Company has decided to set up one integrated steel plant in this area and have already engaged local people, local contractors for their construction activity. The scenario has been changed and living standards of the villagers has been improved. He urged to the villagers to maintain good harmony and good relationship with the industry as well as with the Government. Whatever demands or issues of the villagers required to solve, it should be discussed with the industrial executives. He supported the expansion proposal.

44 | Sri Rakesh Kumar Nayak, Village- Jharbandha

He appreciated the peripheral developmental work as done in their village by Dhenkanal Steel Plant of M/S Rungta Mines Ltd. He also conveys his thanks to the company for providing employment benefit to Jharbandh village people. He welcomed the proposed project. He also urged the Company authority that with the industrial activity the industry should provide local employment based on their educational qualification and necessary health care facility. He added that the company should give more attention towards PDC development in the area.

45 | Sri Deepak Ranjan Panigrahi, Village-Beunra Pal

He mentioned that due to Covid situation entire Odisha has faced lots of problem due to unemployment issue. Workers different cities have lost their jobs and returned to their home. But Rungta Company as a neighbor company has given engagement to the nearby village people and not removed any employee. The villagers should support the industry. He supported the expansion proposal.

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46 Sri Prasanta Kumar Naik, Village- Kankalu His demands were a. Approach road should be developed. b. Better educational facility to the villages. c. Better health care facility. d. Awareness programme in the local Panchayat area. e. Better drinking water facility. f. More local employment based on their educational qualification. He demanded that local employment shall be given top priority as per their educational qualification. He expressed his opinion in favour of the proposed project. 47 Sri Samir Naik, Village- Jharbandha He expressed that about 30 families of Jharbandh village are getting all types of assistance from Rungta Company. He supported the expansion proposal. 48 Sri Prakash Chandra Samal, Village- Kadala He expressed that few days before he came to know that Rungta Company will acquire land from their village area. But till date he does not know which type of land they require and what will be the valuation of that land. He requested to the Company that before land acquisition they should properly discuss with the villagers in this regard. They should follow all Government guidelines properly. He supported the expansion proposal of the industry. Sri Bishnu Pradhan, Village-Kadala He mentioned that he is a contractor of Rungta Company and he is not getting his money regularly. He expressed that company should take necessary steps for clearing their payment. He mentioned that most of the companies are not good with respect to their environmental management and peripheral developmental programmes. They have given land with a hope that after establishment of the industry, these villages will be given priority with respect to all types of developmental works. Sri Harekrushna Panda, Village-Benipathar **50** He welcomed the public hearing. He demanded that their village will provide entire land with a condition that the company should declare as displaced village. He demanded that those villagers who gave land for establishment of the industry, so the authority should give priority for giving employment benefit to the family members of land owner. Without elaborating anything in detail he supported the project. 51 Sri Subash Chandra Biswal, Village- Jharbandha He supported the views expressed by the previous speaker. He also demanded that with the expansion the mine authority should provide a. Local employment oppertunity

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c. Adequate pollution control measures and

b. More aforestation programme

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d. Health care facility.

He appreciated the peripheral developmental work as done in their village by Dhenkanal Steel Plant of M/S Rungta Mines Ltd. He expressed his opinion in favour of the project.

52 Sri Sunil Kumar Pradhan, Village - Tarkabeda

He appreciated the company towards their extensive support to the villages with respect to different peripheral developmental works. He demanded that those villagers who gave land for establishment of the industry, so the authority should given priority for giving employment benefit to the family members of land owner and there should be regular payment of monthly salary. Without elaborating anything in detail he supported the project.

53 | Sri Bijaya Kumar Panigrahi, Village -Galapada

He expressed that land matter issued has already been described by previous speakers. He told that this industry has acquired land since 2006 and they already obtained Environmental clearance. He ask to the Government that why the public Hearing is being conducted in this place. He has submitted a memorandum to the Collector, local Tehsildar and Chief secretary. Till date he has not get any reply from District Administration. He ask to the panel members that environmental compliances of Bhusan Steels Ltd was not satisfactory. He wants to know that how many times inspection and monitoring has been conducted in Bhusan Steel Ltd. Simultaneously he also asked to the project proponent that how many persons from the nearby villages given recruitment to their company? He also demanded that how many inspections conducted in Rungta Company Ltd for their Dhenkanal Steel Plant? How many more lands require to acquire for their expansion programme. He finally demanded that what are the peripheral development they have completed in this villages.

54 | Smt. Basanti Sahoo, Village- Jharabandha

Her demands were

- I. Adequate land compensation
- II. More peripheral development
- III. Local employment opportunity,
- IV. Health care facility

Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the periphery, she supported the proposed project.

55 | Sri Susanta Kumar Dalai, Village -Galapada

He expressed that M/s Rungta Company has provided their extensive support to the nearby villages in respect to CSR activity. He appreciated Rungta Company. His demands were

- a) Local employment opportunity,
- b) More peripheral development
- c) Primary health center

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	Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in the		
	periphery, he supported the proposed project.		
56	Sri Jitendra Naik, Village- Gudiakateni		
	He expressed that he is a captain of local village Cricket Club. He demanded that the		
	company should provide better infrastructure facility in nearby schools in respect to		
	sports activity. Without elaborating anything in detail he supported the project.		
57	Sri Shiv Narayan Jena, Village -Tarkabeda		
	He expressed that M/s Rungta Company has provided their extensive support to the		
nearby villages in all respect. We have given land to the company with a condit			
that we should be given employment benefit in the industry. His demands were			
a) Local employment opportunity,			
b) More peripheral development			
	c) Better health care facility		
	d) Adequate environmental protection		
ļ	e) Adequate pollution control measures		
	f) More plantation programme .		
	Expecting better employment opportunity and further development activities in th		
	periphery, he supported the proposed project.		
58	Sri Akshya Kumar Behera, Village- Galpada		
	He has welcomed the public hearing. He also requested that whatever demands		
	raised by the earlier speakers should be fulfilled. He expressed his opinion in favour		
	of the project.		
59	Sri Bijay Kumar Jena, Village Tarkabeda		
	He expressed that villagers are ready to give their lands to Rungta Company Ltd.		
	Simultaneously he asked that why the construction activity of the industry is very slow. Whether their village people will get employment benefit in Rungta Company or not. He finally requested to the company to follow 100 % of R R Policy of Government strictly. Expecting better employment opportunity, health care facility		
	and further development activities in the periphery, he supported the proposed		
	expansion project.		

At the same time 25(Twenty Five) numbers of representations was submitted by the villagers before the panel members. (Representations are enclosed separately).

Observation:

Generation of Local Employment Opportunity, Education, Drinking Water Facility, Development of village roads, Cleaning of village Ponds, Pension for Senior Citizen, Adequate Air Pollution Control, Adequate Water Pollution Control, Primary Health Center facility, Industrial Training Centre and Aforestation etc. were the most important issues emerged during the discussion.

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Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns expressed by the speakers with the inclusion of comments of the applicant read over to the audience at the end of the meeting explaining the contents in the Odia Language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting was prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicant, prepared in Odia and English language is annexed separately.

The President of Public Hearing meeting Sri Sashank Sekhar Dash, Additional District Magistrate, Dhenkanal District, ratified the minutes of meeting and with the views and demands of public. He then delivered vote of thanks to the public for extending cooperation in smooth conducting of the public hearing proceedings.

The meeting was ended with thanks to the chair.

Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick

Regional Officer

State Pollution Control Board, Angul

Assisted as representative of State Pollution Control Board

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Sri Sashank Sekhar Dash **Additional District Magistrate District - Dhenkanal** Presided and Supervised the **Public Hearing Meeting**

ରୁଙ୍ଗଟା ମାଇନ୍ସ ଲିମିଟେଡ଼, ଢେଙ୍କାନାଳ ଷ୍ଟିଲ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ, ଢେଙ୍କାନାଳ (ଝାଡ଼ବନ୍ଧ, ଗାଲପଡା ତର୍କାବେଡା, ବେରୁଆଁପାଳ, କଙ୍କାଳୁ, ବେଣୀପଥର, କଡଲା ଏବଂ ବଡମୁଣ୍ଡା) ଠାରେ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠା ହେବାକୁଥିବା ପ୍ରଞାବିତ ବାର୍ଷିକ ଷ୍ଟିଲ ଉତ୍ପାଦନ କ୍ଷମତା ୩.୦୦ ନିୟୁତ ଟନରୁ ୩.୫୫ ନିୟୁତ ଟନ ଏବଂ ପାୱାର ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟର କ୍ଷମତା ୩୮୫ ମେଗାୱାଟ ରୁ ୬୯୫ ମେଗାୱାଟକୁ ବୃଦ୍ଧି କରିବା ନିମନ୍ତେ କାରଖାନାର ପରିବେଶ ଜନିତ ପ୍ରଭାବ ଆକଳନ ସମ୍ପର୍କରେ ଢେଙ୍କାନାଳ ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ହିନ୍ଦୋଳ ତହସିଲ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ ପରିସରରେ ତା ୨୦/୧୨/୨୦୨୦ ରିଖ ପୂର୍ବାହ୍ନ ଘ ୧୧.୦୦ ମିନିଟ ସମୟରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିବା ଜନଶୁଣାଣି ସଭାରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପିତ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ସମ୍ପର୍କୀୟ ବିବୃତି ।

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	(୨) ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରର ବିକାଶ ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗଗୁଡ଼ିକ ହେଉଛି	(୨) କାରଖାନା ଭିତରେ ଏବଂ କାରଖାନା ପରିସର ବାହାରେ ବୃକ୍ଷରୋପଣ ଆରୟ ହୋଇସାରିଛି
	(୩)ଶିକ୍ଷାଗତ ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ଏବଂ ଜମି ପ୍ରଭାବିତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କ ପରିବାର ସଦସ୍ୟଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଉପରେ ଆଧାର କରି ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ସୁଯୋଗ ।	(୩) ରୋଜଗାର ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗରେ ସେ ପ୍ରକାଶ କରିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ ନିର୍ମାଣ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟ ପରେ ଛାନୀୟ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ଏବଂ ଅଭିଜ୍ଞତା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରାଥମିକତା ଦିଆଯିବ ଏବଂ ଏହା ଜାରି ରହିବ । ଜମି ବିଷ୍ଥାପିତ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କଠାରୁ ପ୍ରାଥମିକତା ଦିଆଯିବ ।
	(୪) ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର ସହିତ ନିୟମିତ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଯାଞ୍ଚ ସୁବିଧା ପ୍ରଦାନ ।	(୪) ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ସ୍ୱଛତା ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗକୁ ଦୃଷ୍ଟିରେ ରଖି କମ୍ପାନୀ କହିଛି ଯେ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ନିୟମିତ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ଯାଞ୍ଚ ପାଇଁ ସେମାନେ ଏହି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଚୁକ୍ତିନାମା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଜଣେ ଡାକ୍ତର ନିଯୁକ୍ତ କରିସାରିଛନ୍ତି। ଏକ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ପ୍ରାଥମିକ ସ୍ୱାସ୍ଥ୍ୟ ସେବା ସୁବିଧା ପାଇଁ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନ ସହିତ ପରାମର୍ଶରେ ବିଚାର କରାଯିବ।

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- (୫) ଆମ୍ବୁଲାନ୍ସ ପାଇଁ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ।
- (୫) ଆମ୍ବୂଲାନ୍ସ ସାଇଟରେ ଉପଲବ୍ଧ ଅଛି ଏବଂ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀଙ୍କ କଲ୍ ଆସିଲେ ଅଳ୍ପ ସମୟ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଆମ୍ବୁଲାନ୍ସ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯିବ ।
- (୬) ଉନ୍ନତ ଶିକ୍ଷାଗତ ସୁବିଧା ପ୍ରଦାନ ।
- (୬) ନିକଟସ୍ଥ ଗ୍ରାମ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟଗୁଡ଼ିକୁ ଭିଭିଭୂମି ସୁବିଧା ଯୋଗାଇ ସାରିଛି ଏବଂ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତରେ ଏହା ବିସ୍ତାର କରାଯିବ ।
- (୭) ଗାଁ ରାୟା ମରାମତି ଏବଂ ରକ୍ଷଣାବେକ୍ଷଣ ପାଇଁ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ।
- (୭) କମ୍ପାନୀ ଗ୍ରାମ ସଡକର ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଅଂଶକୁ ପୂର୍ବରୁ ନିର୍ମାଣ କରିସାରିଛି ଏବଂ ଭବିଷ୍ୟତରେ ଅଧିକ କଂକ୍ରିଟ ରାୟା ବିକଶିତ ହେବ ।

(୮) ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ ଯୋଗାଣ ।

- (୮) ପ୍ରଞାବିତ ନିକଟସ୍ଥ ଗ୍ରାମକୁ ପାନୀୟ ଜଳ (ଆର ଓ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ) ସୁବିଧା ଯୋଗାଇ ସାରିଛନ୍ତି ଏବଂ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ପ୍ରଶାସନ ସହିତ ପରାମର୍ଶ କରି ଏହାକୁ ନିକଟ ଗ୍ରାମକୁ ଜାରି କରାଯିବ।
- (୯) ଶିଳ୍ପ ତାଲିମ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରର ଯୋଗାଣ, ବରିଷ୍ଠ ନାଗରିକଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ପେନ୍ସନ୍ ସୁବିଧା ଏବଂ ଆଖପାଖ ଗ୍ରାମଗୁଡିକରେ ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ୱିକ ଉନ୍ନୟନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ପାଇଁ ଅଧିକ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ।
- (୯) ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ଦାବି ସମ୍ପନ୍ଧରେ, ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରଞାବକ ସୂଚନା ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି ଯେ ଶିଳ୍ପ ତାଲିମ କେନ୍ଦ୍ର, ବରିଷ୍ଠ ନାଗରିକଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ ପେନସନ ସୁବିଧା ଏବଂ ଅଧିକ ପିଡିସି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପାଇଁ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ଶିଳ୍ପର ସମ୍ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ପରେ ଏବଂ ନିକଟସ୍ଥ ଗ୍ରାମ କମିଟି ସଦସ୍ୟ ତଥା ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ପ୍ରଶାସନର ପରାମର୍ଶ କ୍ରମେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟଗୁଡିକ ସମ୍ପାଦନ କର<u>ାଯିକ</u> ।

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ବରିଷ୍ଠ ସହାରୁ **ଅନ୍ୟୁକ୍ତ**ାଳକ (ପ୍ରୋଜେକ୍ଟ) ରୁଙ୍ଗଟା ମାିଲିକ୍ସ ଲିମିଟେଡ଼, ଢେଙ୍କାନାଳ ଷ୍ଟିଲ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ, ଢେଙ୍କାନାଳ MEETING CONDUCTED ON 20.12.2020 AT 11 AM IN TEHSIL OFFICE OF HINDOL IN DHENKANAL DISTRICT, IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF M/S RUNGTA MINES LTD, FOR DHENKANAL STEEL PLANT FOR ENHANCEMENT OF ITS STEEL MANUFACTURING CAPACITY FROM 3.0 MTPA TO 3.55 MTPA FINISHED STEEL AND POWER PLANT CAPACITY FROM 385 MW TO 695 MW AT VILLAGE JHARBANDH, GALPADA, TARKABEDA, BERUAN PAL, KANIKALU, BENIPATHAR, KADALA AND BADAMUNDA IN THE DISTRICT OF DHENKANAL.

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The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are mainly two fold. These are issues concerning to pollution due to proposed industry and its mitigation and issues relating to development.

The issues concerning to control of pollution are:-

- 1. Dust suppression and water pollution control
- 2. Afforestation programme

The issues concerning to development of the area are

- 3. Local employment opportunity based on educational qualification and provision for family members of land affected person
- 4. Provision of regular health check-up facility with a Primary Health Centre

- 5. Provision for Ambulance
- 6. Provision of better educational facility
- Provision for repair and maintenance of village roads

COMMENT OF APPLICANT

Sri Debabrata Misra, Sr. GM Project on behalf of the proponent who was present at the public hearing gave his comments to certain demands raised by public as follows.

- Dust suppression and water pollution control management practices will be complied as per norms of the State Government and as per the provision of Environment Protection Act.
- 2. Plantation has already started inside the factory and outside the factory premises.
- 3. Regarding employment issue he expressed that after construction phase, the locals will be given priority in employment as per their qualification and experience and it will be continued. Priority will be given from the land displacement person.
- 4. Keeping in view of the health and hygiene issue, the company told that they already appointed one Doctor on contract basis in this area for regular health checkup for the locals on forth night basis. Provision for primary health care facility in a centralized location will be considered in consultation with District Administration.
- 5. Ambulance is already their at site and will be available to villagers on their call.
- 6. Infrastructure facilities have already provided to the nearby village schools and it will be extended in future.
- 7. The company has already concreted major portion of village roads and in future phase wise more concrete road will be developed

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- 8. Provision of drinking water
- 9. Provision of Industrial Training Centre, Pension facility for Senior Citizens and more peripheral developmental work in the surrounding villages.
- 8. The proponent has already provided drinking water (R.O. Plant) facility to the nearby village and it will be continued to the nearby village in consultation with District.
- 9. Regarding other demands, the project proponent informed that provision for industrial training centre, pension facility for senior citizen and provision for more PDC works will be fulfilled after full-fledged operation of the industry and also in consultation with the nearby village committee members and local administration of this area.

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