

THE DIRECTORATE OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF MADHAPUR SAND QUARRY OF SRI BENUDHAR  
PRADHAN FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 14730 CUM/ANNUM OF SAND OVER  
ML AREA OF 5.059 HA. ON RIVER KUSMI AT MADHAPUR VILLAGE, BHAPUR  
TAHASIL OF DISTRICT NAYAGARH, HELD ON 17.04.2021 AT BHAPUR TAHASIL  
OFFICE PREMISES, BHAPUR, DISTRICT NAYAGARH, AT: 04.00 P.M.

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 Sri Benudhar Pradhan has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for sand quarry for production capacity of 14730 cum/Annum of sand over ML area of 5.059 ha. on river Kusumi at Madhapur village, Bhapur Tahasil of District Nayagarh 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 manner –

- Advertisements through an Oriya Daily “Prameya” dated 16.3.2021 and an English Daily “The New Indian Express” dated 16.3.2021 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, Executive Summaries (Odia & English) and soft copy in the office of the Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Nayagarh, District Industries Centre(DIC), Nayagarh, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nayagarh, 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](http://www.ospcboard.org)).
- Executive summaries along with paper clippings regarding date, time, and venue of public hearing are made available to the Madhapur Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Officer, Bhapur, in the Dist. of Nayagarh.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur requested the audience to give their opinions orally, written or in both, based on the Environmental aspects. Then he requested the Addl. District Magistrate, Nayagarh, Sri Bidhana Chandra Ray, O.A.S (S) to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Nayagarh, welcomed the people for attending the hearing with a message to the audience that they should give their comments based on the Environment related aspects only. 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. Madhapur Sand Quarry to brief about the project.

Sri Benudhar Pradhan, Owner of M/s. Madhapur Sand Quarry presented the salient features of the project, the present status of the environmental conditions, possible impact on the environment due to such activities and the remedial measures to be undertaken by the project proponent to reduce the impact while executing the project in Odia language.

... will be continuously upgraded to mitigate the impact on the different components of the environment such as Water, Air & Soil.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Nayagarh, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. About 40 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 20 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 08 persons participated in the oral deliberation and signed in the oral deliberator's sheet. No written representations were received in the hearing. The attendance sheets and the Deliberator sheets are enclosed as **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II** respectively.

The statements recorded are as follows.

**1. Sri Pabitra Kumar Sahoo, Madhapur**

He addressed the chair and the gathering and stated that there will be no pollution due to the sand mining. In fact the project will create employment opportunity and the sand required for the "Indira Abasa" houses can be available in cheap rates. He finally welcomed the project.

**2. Sri Chakradhar Panda, Madhapur**

He welcomed the audience gathered in the public hearing. He showed his thankfulness to the District Administration for the project and intimated that there will be no pollution for the sand mines, rather, sand can be available in very cheap rates if sand mining will be carried out near their locality.

**3. Sri Baikuntha Das, Madhapur**

He addressed the chair and other dignitaries along with the audience present in the hearing. He said that there will be no pollution and he does not have any problem for the said project.

**4. Sri Chitaranjan Mishra, Madhapur**

He welcomed the chair and the audience and welcomed the project. He said that there will be no problem for the proposed project.

**5. Sri Jitesh Kumar Khuntia, Fategarh**

He greeted the audience and the chair and expressed his gratitude and welcome the project. He further added that they do not have any problem for sand mining and they can get sand in very cheap rates.

**6. Sri Abhay Kumar Sethy, Madhapur**

He welcomed the chair and the audience and intimated that people will be greatly benefited by the project and sand can be available in very low price.

**7. Sri Trilochan Panda, Bhapur**

He greeted the chair and said that there will be no problem for the sand mines and he expected that there will be no pollution due to the mining.

**8. Sri Bhakta Ranjan Pattnaik, Bhapur**

He addressed the chair and the audience gathered in the public hearing. He intimated that there will be no problem due to the project as there will be no overloading of the sand carrying trucks and the trucks carrying sand will be covered. Hence he welcomed the project.

## CONCLUSION:

During the hearing the project proponent addressed the apprehensions raised by the public. Further the Addl. District Magistrate, Nayagarh and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public.

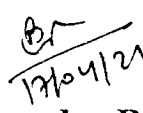
Sri Mitrasen Majhi, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by the oral deliberators. The minutes of the public hearing were prepared which has been ratified by Sri Bidhana Chandra Ray, O.A.S (S), Addl. District Magistrate, Nayagarh with the views and concerns of the deliberators. The video recording of the entire public hearing is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of the representative of the project proponent, prepared in Odia and English Language are annexed as **Annexure-III** and **Annexure-IV** separately.

The public hearing was ended with vote of thanks by the chair.

  
(Sri Mitrasen Majhi)

Regional Officer,  
State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur  
(Assisted as representative of  
State Pollution Control Board)

  
(Sri Bidhana Chandra Ray, O.A.S (S))

Addl. District Magistrate, Nayagarh  
(Presided and Supervised  
the public Hearing meeting)

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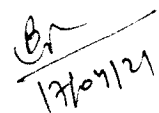
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**STATEMENTS OF MAJOR ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING**

<b>ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC</b>	<b>COMMENTS OF THE APPLICANT BY SRI BENUDIAR PRADHAN, OF MADIAPUR SAND QUARRY FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 14730 CUM/ANNUM OF SAND OVER ML AREA OF 5.059 HA. ON RIVER KUSMI AT MADIAPUR VILLAGE, BHAPUR TAHASIL OF DISTRICT NAYAGARH, HELD ON 17.04.2021 AT BHAPUR TAHASIL OFFICE PREMISES, BHAPUR, DISTRICT NAYAGARH, AT: 4.00 P.M.</b>
<b>Environmental Protection.</b>	Sri Pradhan assured that mining activities will be carried out complying with the Environmental Laws.

  
(Sri Mitrasen Majhi)  
Regional Officer,  
State Pollution Control Board,  
Berhampur

  
((Sri Bidhana Chandra Ray, O.A.S (S))  
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