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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF NUAPALLI SAND QUARRY OF SRI RAJESH KUMAR
PRADHAN FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 12000 CUM/ANNUM OF SAND OVER
ML AREA OF 7.867 HA. ON RIVER KUSMI AT NUAPALLI VILLAGE, BHAPUR
TAHASIL OF DISTRICT NAYAGARH, HELD ON 17.04.2021 AT BHAPUR TAHASIL
OFFICE PREMISES, BHAPUR, DISTRICT NAYAGARH, AT: 10.00 A.M**

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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 Rajesh Kumar Pradhan has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for sand quarry for production capacity of 12000 cum/Annum of sand over ML area of 7.867 ha. on river Kusumi at Nuapalli 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 “Dharitri” dated 16.3.2021 and an English Daily “The Times of India” 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).
- Executive summaries along with paper clippings regarding date, time, and venue of public hearing are made available to the Baigunia Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Officer, Bhapur, in the Dist. of Nayagarh.
- Further announcements are also made through Mikes regarding Public Hearing for information of the public in the surrounding villages.

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.Rajesh Kumar Pradhan to brief about the project.

Sri Saroj Mohapatra, Representative of M/s. Nayapalli Sand Quarry of Sri Rajesh Kumar Pradhan 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.

He concluded that a suitable Environmental Management Plan has been formulated and 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 45 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 25 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 16 persons participated in the oral deliberation and 18 nos. 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 Rama Chandra Dash, Fategarh

He addressed the chair and the gathering and stated that he is very thankful to Government for showing concerned about the sand mining and possible environmental impacts by such type of Public Hearing. Earlier people used to wait a long period to get their construction completed due to lack of sand. However after completion of the project sand will be available near their village and work will not be delayed. He said that he does not expect any pollution from the sand mine as the trucks will move with cover. Finally he welcomed the project and requested the Government to allow Sri Pradhan for mining of sand also if possible the proprietor shall be allowed to go for expansion in future.

2. Sri Baikunthanath Sahoo, Bhapur

He welcomed the audience gathered in the public hearing . He showed his happiness and intimated that during covid period conducting such public hearing is a welcoming steps being taken by the Government. He said that no such meeting conducted earlier, he further aided that trucks are moved with covered sheets, hence no pollution is expected. Rather the mining activity will generate revenue for the Government. He said that the proponent shall plant trees and it shall strictly obey the pollution norms during the mining activity.

3. Sri Subash Chandra Jena, Nuapalli

He addressed the chair and other dignitaries along with the audience present in the hearing. He said that he does not have any objection for the said project.

4. Sri Sadasiva Kar, Nuapalli

He welcomed the chair and the audience and welcomed the project. He said that local development will occur and many people will get employment opportunity because of the mines. Also revenue will be generated because of the mining.

5. Sri Narayan Tripathy, Nuapalli

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.

6. Sri Sudarsan Mohapatra, Nuapalli

He welcomed the chair and the audience and intimated that he has no objection for the sand mines. He further said that the poor people require sand for construction

which can be available once the project will commence. Finally he welcomed the sand mines. (27)

7. Sri Purandar Rana, Nuapalli

He recited a Sanskrit sloka and intimated that the Government is organizing everything in a good manner and he welcome the project.

8. Sri Gopi Nayak, Betakholi

He addressed the chair and the audience gathered in the public hearing. He said that Sri Rajesh Kumar Pradhan is obeying the Government rules and regulation and he does not have any objection over the mining project.

9. Sri Melachha Pradhan, Bholabandha

He addressed the chair and said that there will be no pollution due to transportation of sand in trucks. He requested to carry out the transportation of sand during night time instead of day time.

10. Sri Kalpataru Mohanty, Nuapalli

He said that they have no objection for the mining project.

11. Sri Duryodhana Sahoo, Nuapalli

He greeted the gathering and said that 03 nos of nearby gram panchayat will be benefited due to this mining project. Therefore he requested to allow the mines as soon as possible.

12. Sri Basanta Kumar Pradhan, Baigunia

Absent.

13. Sri Gagan Bihari Panda, Baigunia

He addressed the chair and expressed his thankfulness to Government for taking into consideration of their livelihood. He said that this sand mine will be helpful in generating more revenue. They have no objection for the project and requested the project proponent to be careful about the Environmental aspect.

14. Sri Babula Jena, Bijipur

He addressed the gathering and expressed his no objection for the project rather they are happy that now onwards their construction works can be expedited

15. Sri Rama Chandra Sahoo, Betakhholi

He expressed his happiness and intimated that within 01 kilometer they can get sand with cheaper rates. He requested the proprietor to operate the mine fulfilling the Government rules and regulations.

16. Sri Prasan Kumar Mohapatra, Manibandha

Absent.

17. Sri Narayan Routray, Betakhholi

He addressed the chair and informed that there will be no pollution issue since the villages are situated far away from the sand mines and vehicles are moved with covered tarpaulins.

18.Sri Kulamani Patra, Nuapalli

He addressed the chair and the audience present in the hearing. He expressed his happiness for the project and said that their people will be benefited due to this mining 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) 17/04/21

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



(Sri Bidhana Chandra Ray, O.A.S (S)) 17/04/21

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

STATEMENTS OF MAJOR ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF THE APPLICANT REPRESENTED BY SRI SAROJ MOHAPATRA, REPRESENTATIVE OF NUAPALLI SAND QUARRY OF SRI RAJESH KUMAR PRADHAN FOR PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 12000 CUM/ANNUM OF SAND OVER ML AREA OF 7.867 HA. ON RIVER KUSMI AT NUAPALLI VILLAGE, BHAPUR TAHASIL OF DISTRICT NAYAGARH, HELD ON 17.04.2021 AT BHAPUR TAHASIL OFFICE PREMISES, BHAPUR, DISTRICT NAYAGARH, AT: 10.00 A.M
Plantation	Sri Mohapatra intimated that plantation will be carried out along the roads and nearby areas.
Operation of Mines as per Rules	Sri Mohapatra assured that the mining will be carried out following rules and regulations.
Transportation of Sand during Night time.	Sri Mohapatra intimated that the mines will try to transport the sand during night time as far as possible.
Environmental Protection.	Sri Mohapatra assured that mining activities will be carried out complying with the Environmental Laws.


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 State Pollution Control Board,
 Berhampur


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