

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PAKIDI SAND BED OF SRI SUDHANIDHI CHOUDHURY OVER MINING LEASE AREA OF 11.623 HA. IN PAKIDI VILLAGE, SHERAGDA TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM, HELD ON 15.09.2021 AT 10.00 AM OVER PLOT NO. 936, KISSAM-PATTITA WHICH IS ADJACENT TO NAGESWAR SHIVA TEMPLE AND IN EAST SIDE OF VILLAGE PAKIDI UNDER SHERAGADA TAHASIL OF GANJAM DISTRICT

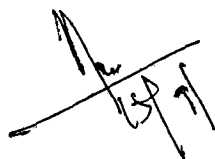
At the outset, Sri Mitrasen Majhi, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur welcomed all the persons assembled in the hearing. He briefed about the EIA notification, 2006 and the objectives of the public hearing. He stated that Sri Sudhanidhi Choudhury has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for mining lease area of 11.623 ha. at Pakidi village, Sheragada Tahasil of District 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 manner –

- Advertisements through an Oriya Daily “Prameya” dated 13.08.2021 and an English Daily “The New Indian Express” dated 13.08.2021 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, Ganjam, 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 (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 Haradapadar Gram Panchayat, Pitala Gram Panchayat, Jaypur Gram Panchayat, Bolasara Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Office, Sheragada, in the Dist. of Ganjam.
- 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, Ganjam, Sri Amiya Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S) to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, 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 Project Proponent of M/s. Pakidi Sand Bed to brief about the project.




Sri Sudhanidhi Choudhury, Project Proponent of M/s. Pakidi Sand Bed 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.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. About 50 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 39 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 12 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 Sudarshan Khatei, At- Pakidi

He said that due to continuous deposition of sand the height of the river bed is increasing and causing problem to the surrounding. Hence the sand should be removed so that the river bed should be normal.

2. Sri Jatindra Swain, At- Pakidi

He also repeated the same problem and said that the sand should be removed from the river bed. Further he added that there would be no problem if the sand mining will operate.

3. Sri Shyam Sundar Khatei, At- Pakidi

He said that the sand from the river bed should be removed so that the river bed can be deepening and there would be normal flow in rainy season.

4. Sri Baidyanath Khatei, At- Pakidi

He addressed to the gathering and said that if the sand will transported safely outside the Pakidi village, there would be no problem for them.

5. Sri Upendra Khatei, At- Pakidi

He said that they have no objection if the project proponent transport or lift the sand from the sand bed outside of the village. Finally, he supported the project.

6. Sri Prafulla Swain, At- Pakidi

He said that the river bed is increasing due to deposit of sand continuously. He suggested that sand should be removed and if the mining will operate there would be no any problem to them.

7. Sri Kasinath Khanduala, At- Pakidi

He said that the river bed is high enough, hence if mining is done then there would be no problem to the surrounding.

8. Sri Dibakar Pradhan, Pakidi.

He said that the increase of height of the river bed due to deposit of sand is a problem for them. Hence he suggested that the river sand should be removed.

9. Sri Sankarshan Jena, At- Pakidi

He addressed the chair and the gathering and said that if the project proponent lift the sand in safe condition and as per the Rules and Regulations of the Government, then there would be no problem.

10. Sri Hina Behera, At- Kanjiama

He said that most of the minor mineral sources have been non operational. Hence this mine should operate subject to the strict compliance to the Environmental Law and pollution aspect. Lastly he supported the project.

11. Sri Sarat Chandra Patra, At- Santoshpur

He addressed the chair and the gathering and said that they have no problem if the mine will operate as per the rules and regulations. He hoped that if the mine will operate the river sand bed would reduced and people would get benefited during rainy season.

12. Sri Pramod Kumar Patra, Zilla Parishad Member, At-Santoshpur

He suggested that the lifting of sand should be done outside of the village Pakidi. Environmental Laws and pollution norms should be followed and plantation shall be developed by the project proponent, then there would be no problem in operation of the sand mine. Lastly he supported the project.

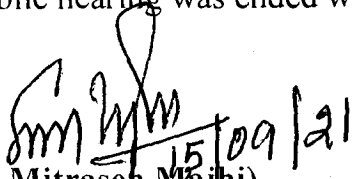
CONCLUSION:

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

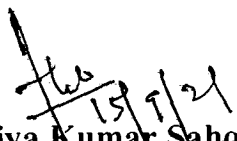
Sri Mitrasen Majhi, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by the oral deliberators. The minutes of the public hearing were prepared which has been ratified by Sri Amiya Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S), Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam 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)

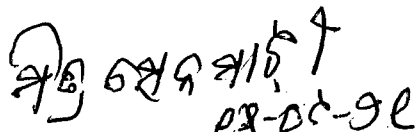
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(Assisted as representative of
State Pollution Control Board)



(Sri Amiya Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S))

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

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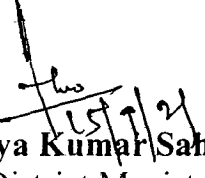

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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT SRI SUDHANIDHI CHOUDHURY OF PAKIDI SAND BED, AT PAKIDI, SHERAGADA, GANJAM.
Plantation	Sri Choudhury intimated that adequate nos. of plantation would be carried out in the periphery lease area.
Compliance of Environmental law and pollution norms.	Sri Choudhury assured that the project proponent would strictly follow the environmental law and pollution norms.
Lifting of sand outside the village.	He assured to the villagers that the lifting of sand would be done outside the village.


15/09/21

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NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that **Sri Sudhanidhi Choudhury** has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for **Pakidi Sand Bed over ML area of 11.623 ha. in Pakidi village, Sheragada tahsil of Ganjam district** to obtain Environmental Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha. The proponent has applied to the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for a Public Hearing.

By virtue of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006, the Board has been authorized to conduct environmental public hearing and as such invites suggestions, views, comments and objections on matters relating to environmental aspects of the proposed project from all the persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at the proposed site / sites of displacement / sites likely to be affected.

For the above purpose, a person will only mean:

- Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and / or functioning in the field of environment.
- Any local authority within any part of whose local limits is within the neighborhood, wherein the project is proposed to be located.

Persons as above who desire to submit their views, comments, objections etc. relevant to the project, may do so in writing within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice addressing the same to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha through Registered Post. Besides this, persons interested to submit their views relevant to the proposed mining project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing to be conducted on **15-09-2021 at 10.00 A.M over Plot No.936, Kissam Patita, which is adjacent to Nageswar Shiva Temple and in East side of the village Pakidi under Sheragada Tahsil of Ganjam District. Public hearing shall be conducted strictly observing guidelines contained in COVID — 19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide OM No.22-25-IA.III, dated 09.06.2021 as well as Govt. of Odisha.**

Persons desirous of participating in the public hearing may go through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) /Environmental Management Plan (EMP) of the said project which will be available at the following offices. Copy of the Executive Summary both in English & Odia is also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website www.ospcboard.org free of cost.

- District Collector's Office, **Ganjam.**
- District Industries Center, **Ganjam.**
- In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, **Ganjam.**
- In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, PariveshBhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit — VIII, **Bhubaneswar -12.**
- Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, **Berhampur.**
- Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, **Bhubaneswar**

For any further clarification in the matter, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, **Berhampur** or the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

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