

938 PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF GUITANA, NAGRIGUDARI, KAINJHAR SAND QUARRY OF
SRI SATYABAN KANHAR OVER AN AREA OF 5.156 HA. AT VILLAGE GUITANA
NAGRIGUDARI & KAINJHAR UNDER TIKABALI TAHASIL OF DISTRICT
KANDHAMAL, HELD ON 29.10.2021 AT KAINJHAR G.P. OFFICE, TIKABALI BLOCK,
DISTRICT KANDHAMAL, AT: 11.00 A.M

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At the outset, Er. Debabrata Sethi, Environmental Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar 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 Satyaban Kanhar has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for sand quarry over an area of 5.156 ha. on Guitana, Nagrigudari, Kainjhar Sand Quarry, Tikabali Tahasil of District Kandhamal 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 Odia Daily “Prameya” dated 25.09.2021 and English Daily “The Times of India” dated 25.09.2021 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, Kandhamal, District Industries Centre(DIC), Phulbani, Kandhamal, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kandhamal, 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 Kainjhar Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Officer, Tikabali, in the Dist. of Kandhamal.
- Further announcements are also made through Mikes regarding Public Hearing for information of the public in the surrounding villages.

The Environmental Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar requested the audience to give their opinions orally, written or in both, based on the Environmental aspects. Then he requested the Addl. District Magistrate, Kandhamal, Sri Basanta Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (SAG) to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Addl. District Magistrate, Kandhamal, 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 representative of M/s. Satyaban Kanhar to brief about the project.

Sri Debaprasad Choudhury, Representative of Guitana, Nagrigudari, Kainjhar Sand Quarry of Sri Satyaban Kanhar 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, Kandhamal, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. About 70 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 51 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 6 persons participated in the oral deliberation. 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 Pradeep Kumar Digal, Z.P. Member (Zone-8), Tikabali

He addressed the chair and the gathering and stated that he is very thankful to Government for showing concern 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 development 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. He suggested to provide employment facility preferably to local people. Finally, he welcomed the project and requested the Government to allow for mining of sand.

2. Sri Prakash Chandra Kanhar, Ex-Sarapanch, Kainjhar G.P.

He welcomed the audience gathered in the public hearing. He expressed that there is no habitation near the proposed sand quarry, hence there will be no adverse effect on sounding habitations.

3. Sri Tarun Amatya, Vice Chairman, Tikabali Block.

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. He suggested to construct bypass road to move for transportation of sand trucks/tractors to avoid pollution in the village.

4. Sri Sujan Nayak, MP Representative, Tikabali Block

He welcomed the chair and the audience and welcomed the project. He said that it is a small resource for sand in Kainjhar area. He expressed that if the proposed sand mine is started there will be development locally. He felt happy on proposed sand quarry situated in their village for which they will not go too far for sand. He requested to start the sand mining activity as soon as possible.

5. Smt Panchami Patra, Secretary (SHG), Kainjhar

She greeted the audience and the chair and expressed her gratitude and welcomed the project. She further expressed her willingness that they do not have any problem for sand mining in their area. She said local people will get benefit if the project started.

6. Sri Baruna Bishoyi, Ward Member Nagrigudari

He welcomed the chair and the audience and intimated that he has no objection for the sand mines. He further thanked and expressed that the mine is going to operate after a long gap i.e. 2-3 years. He requested to start the mining activity before rainy season.

At last unanimously all the public who gathered in the process of public hearing expressed and welcomed the proposed sand mine by raising their hands.

CONCLUSION:

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

Er. Debabrata Sethi, Environmental Engineer, State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar & 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 Basanta Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S), Addl. District Magistrate, Kandhamal 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.

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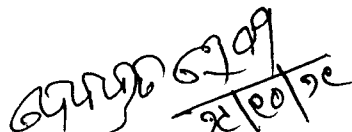
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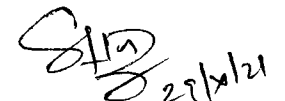
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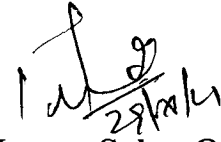

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STATEMENTS OF MAJOR ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF THE APPLICANT REPRESENTED BY SRI DEBA PRASAD CHOUDHURY, REPRESENTATIVE OF GUITANA, NAGRIGUDARI, KAINJHAR SAND QUARRY OF SRI SATYABAN KANHAR OVER AN AREA OF 5.156 HA. ON GUITANA, NAGRIGUDARI, KAINJHAR SAND QUARRY, TIKABALI TAHASIL OF DISTRICT KANDHAMAL, HELD ON 29.10.2021 AT- KAINJHAR G.P. OFFICE, TIKABALI BLOCK, DISTRICT KANDHAMAL, AT: 11.00 A.M
Employment	Sri Choudhury intimated that employment will be given to the local villagers of nearby villages for the proposed sand mining.
Transportation through bypass road	Sri Choudhury assured that they shall explore any possibility of providing a bypass road by discussing with the Tahasildar and local Administration. Appropriate Environmental and Safety measures shall be adopted in case transportation is being carried out through the village road.



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