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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR BIPULINGI STONE QUARRY OF SMT. G. GAYATRI  
REDDY OVER THE MINING LEASE AREA OF 8.097 HA FOR PRODUCTION OF  
20,070 CUM/ANNUM AT BIPULINGI VILLAGE, CHATRAPUR TAHASIL OF DISTRICT  
GANJAM, HELD ON 25.10.2021 AT 11.00 AM OVER PLOT NO. 1740, KISSAM-GOCHAR  
(VACANT) ADJACENT TO MAA BIRASINGI TEMPLE OF BIPULINGI VILLAGE  
UNDER CHATRAPUR TAHASIL OF GANJAM DISTRICT**

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At the outset, Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, 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 Smt. G. Gayatri Reddy has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for mining lease area of 8.097 ha. for production of 20,070 cum/Annum at Bipulingi village, Chatrapur Tahasil of District Ganjam and has applied to obtain Environmental Clearance 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 21.09.2021 and an English Daily "The Times of India" dated 21.09.2021 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Executive Summaries (Odia & English) of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report 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.ospeboard.org](http://www.ospeboard.org)).
- Executive summaries along with paper clippings regarding date, time, and venue of public hearing were made available to the Chikalakhandi Gram Panchayat, Bipulingi Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Office, Chatrapur, in the Dist. of Ganjam.

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. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking Environmental Clearance. Then he asked the Project Proponent of M/s. Bipulingi Stone Quarry to brief about the project.

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Smt. G. Gayatri Reddy, Project Proponent of M/s. Bipulingi Stone Quarry presented the salient features of the proposed 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.

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 60 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 53 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 10 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 Hadibandhu Pradhan, At- Jharapokhari, Chikalakhandi**

He stated that by operation of the mine local people will be benefited, they will get employment opportunity and raw material will be available in the locality for construction purpose. He welcomed this project for overall development of the locality.

**2. Sri G. Dileswar Reddy, At/PO- Chikalakhandi**

He expressed that local people will get benefits by operation of this mine as it will have local employment opportunity and construction materials will be easily available to them at cheaper price.

**3. Sri Narasingha Pradhan, At- Jharapokhari, Chikalakhandi**

He opined that operation of this stone quarry will lead to local employment opportunity for those migrating outside for employment. Local people will also get other benefits.

**4. Sri P. Jagadish Reddy, At/PO- Chikalakhandi**

He stated that about 2000 people will get benefits from this mining and lessee will undertake plantation which will reduce pollution. Construction material will be available at cheaper price at the locality. He also added that mine will have both positive and negative impacts; therefore the lessee shall operate it in a balance manner.

**5. Sri B. Dharma, At/PO- Chikalakhandi**

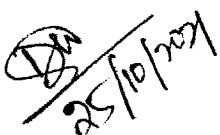
He stated that local public will be benefited by operation of this stone quarry and construction materials will also be available in the locality.

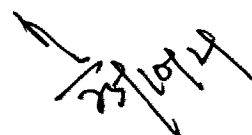
**6. Sri B. Dandapani Reddy, At/PO- Chikalakhandi**

He opined that construction material will be easily available and local public will also be benefited by operation of this stone quarry.

**7. Sri D. Ramaswamy Reddy, Ex- Sarapanch, Chikalakhandi G.P.**

He expressed that the local stone quarries were non-operational since last 3 years and due to this public are facing difficulties. He welcomed the steps taken by the Government for resumption of operation. This will have employment opportunities for labour class, for unemployed youths and construction material will also be easily available. Chikalakhandi and Bipulingi Gram Panchayats will be benefited from this project.

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**8. Sri T. Narasingha Reddy, Sarapanch, Bipulingi G.P.**

He welcomed this project. He added that both Sand Bed and Stone Quarry are leased out as per Government policy. The price of sand has increased substantially from Rs. 700/- to Rs. 2500/- per Tractor within 7 months. Poor villagers are suffering due to enhancement of price. Therefore, he requested to the authorities to take steps for supply of sand and stone to local public at cheaper price.

**9. Sri Jayadev Lenka, At- Rajnapalli, Rajapur**

He addressed the dignities at the dais and gathering. He welcomed this project and requested to Government authorities to grant lease to this quarry as soon as possible for employment generation and availability of raw materials. He expressed his dissatisfaction towards lengthy approval policy of the Government and this hampers the development works of both Private and Government parties.

**10. Sri Sumanta Kumar Panda, At/PO- Chatrapur**

He requested to ease out policy for mining of miner mineral for employment generation and availability of construction materials. Government developmental works were delayed due to non-availability of construction materials as because of lengthy approval process. At the end he welcomed this project.

Further the Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public and requested to the Project Proponent of Bipulingi Stone Quarry to address the issues raised by the local public. Smt. G. Gayatri Reddy project proponent addressed the apprehensions raised by the public.

Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, 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 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.

  
(Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo)

Regional Officer,  
State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur  
(Assisted as representative of  
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(Sri Amiya Kumar Sahoo, O.A.S (S))

Addl. District Magistrate, Ganjam  
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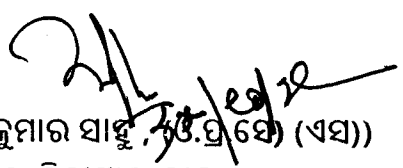
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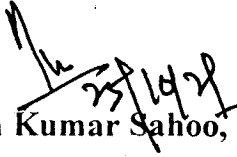
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**STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING**

Sl. No.	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF SMT. G. GAYATRI REDDY, PROJECT PROPONENT OF M/S. BIPULINGI STONE QUARRY, AT BIPULINGI VILLAGE, CHATRAPUR TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM.
1.	Plantation For Controlling Pollution	Smt. Reddy assured that they will take steps to fulfill demands made by the villagers and they will also resolve the issues of the public.
2.	Local Employment	
3.	Ease out of policy for Mining of Minor Minerals	

  
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(Department of Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha)

Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012



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Date : 17.09.2021

## NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that Smt. G. Gayatri Reddy has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Bipulingi Stone Quarry for production capacity of 20070 m<sup>3</sup>/Annum over ML area of 8.097 ha. at Bipulingi village under Chhatrapur 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 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 that 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 25.10.2021 at 11:00 A.M. over plot No. 1740, KISSAMA - GOCHAR (Vacant) adjacent to Mata Birasingi Temple of Bipulingi Village under Chhatrapur tahsil of Ganjam district. Public hearing shall be conducted strictly observing guidelines contained in GO/10-19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MEF&CC, Govt. of India vide O.M. No. 22-25-1A.III, dated 19.06.2021 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.ospcb.org](http://www.ospcb.org) free of cost.

1. District Collector's Office, Ganjam, Chhatrapur.
2. District Industries Center, Ganjam, Chhatrapur.
3. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, Chhatrapur.
4. In the Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar -12.
5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Berhampur.
6. 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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