

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF BASUPALI CLUSTER
STONE QUARRY OVER AN AREA OF 9.67 HA IN BASUPALI VILLAGE UNDER
BALANGIR TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON 04.03.2022 AT 11.00
A.M AT BASUPALI SCHOOL, DIST: BALANGIR

Sri Mahendra Mahapatra, OAS(S), Additional District Magistrate, Balangir presided over the meeting along with Er. Ramesh Kumar Ekka, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Balangir.

At the outset, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balangir welcomed the public present in the meeting and briefed them about the objective of the public hearing being conducted under provisions of EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533(E) of Dt.14th September 2006 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MOEF & CC), Government of India. He also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the Public Hearing Meeting for Basupali Cluster Stone Quarry over an area of 9.67 Haby the Tahasildar, Balangir (the Project Proponent); which was duly advertised in Odia daily "Dharitri " *dtd.30.01.2022* and in English daily "*The Sunday Times*" *dtd. 30.01.2022*. The paper clippings are enclosed as Annexure-I).

The Addl. District Magistrate has also briefed about the proposed project and requested the public who were present in the public hearing meeting to express their opinions and views on the proposed project. He also requested the representative of the proposed project to highlight about their proposed project before the public.

On behalf of the Basupali Cluster Stone Quarry approach), Sri Harekrishna Rout, Addl. Tahasildar, Balangir addressed the public during the public hearing meeting and Sri Narayana Chandra Naik, representative of M/s. Green Circle, INC. (Consultant) briefly explained about the proposed project as described below:

1. It was informed that the total proposed project area is about 9.67Ha. of land which includes 2 nos. of cluster stone quarries located within 500-meter radius. It has been projected that the total production by these quarries will be around 112166 cum during 5 years of mining.
2. The mining process includes semi mechanized way of mining of stone using jack hammer, compressor, hydraulic excavator machine with drilling and blasting.
3. During blasting precautionary measures shall be taken up as per requirement. Prior information/proclamation to the local villagers before blasting shall be made and blasting in mines to be taken up once in a week with controlling measures such as dust suppression through water sprinkling arrangement. Besides, the blasting shall be carried out following certified procedure as per adhering information on explosive used for blasting.

4. It was informed that the consultant has done prior samplings and analysis of air, water, soil and noise within 10 km radius of the proposed project area and all the values are well within the norms.
5. During operation of mines there will be generation of dust, water and noise pollution to the surrounding areas, which shall be taken care of adequately by the project proponent.
6. To minimize dust pollution water sprinkling arrangements on haulage and connecting roads and plantations on road sides shall be taken up.
7. It was informed that the mining shall be taken up 6 meters above ground water level (gwl \approx 15 to 20M), so that the ground water level will not be affected by the mining activities.
8. Company authority will provide direct and indirect employment to the local people pertaining to their educational qualifications in the proposed project.

Thereafter, the Addl. District Magistrate invited the public to offer their views on environmental related issues on the establishment of the proposed project.

About 40-50 people from surrounding local villages have attended the public hearing meeting; out of which 15 have signed the attendance sheet which is annexed as Annexure-II. Also 09 persons have registered their name to deliver views during the public hearing (Annexure-III).

Statements of the public as stated/deliberated & recorded during public hearing meeting are placed below

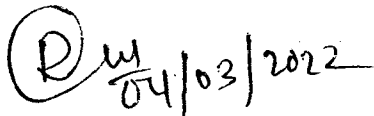
Sl. No.	Participant Name and Statement/deliberation as recorded on the proposed project.
1.	<u>Sri Suresh Sethi, Basupali:</u> He supported the proposed project.
2.	<u>Sri Sekhar Patel, Basupali:</u> He welcomed for the operation of the stone quarry.
3.	<u>Sri Sushant Gibela, Basupali:</u> He welcomed for the operation of the stone quarry.
4.	<u>Sri Girish Bhue, Basupali:</u> He supported the proposed project. He stated that water sprinkling arrangement should be provided by the mining authority on the roads to suppress fugitive dust emission.
5.	<u>Sri Ganesh Pradhan, Basupali:</u> He supported the proposed project.
6.	<u>Sri Parameswar Majhi, Asurdungri:</u> No comment.
7.	<u>Sri Saroj Bariha, Basupali:</u> He supported the proposed project. He stated that water sprinkling arrangement should be provided by the mining authority on the roads to suppress fugitive dust emission.
8.	<u>Sri Ramesh Majhi, Asurdungri:</u> He welcomed for the operation of the stone quarry.
9.	<u>Sri Dinesh Karan, Basupali:</u> He welcomed for the operation of the stone quarry.

After completion of the deliberation process, Regional Officer summarized the points raised by the participants during the public hearing and read out before the public. The same in English and Odia (vernacular language) are enclosed as **Annexure-IV (A & B)**.

At the end the Addl. District Magistrate invited the representative of the project proponent to address the points raised by the participants in the public hearing meeting. Addl. Tahasildar, Balangir, responded in brief on issues and grievances raised by the participants which are annexed (**Annexure-V (A & B)**) in English and Odia (vernacular language). The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing is enclosed (Compact Disc - CD).

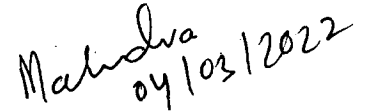
After the above-mentioned deliberations, Regional Officer has proposed the vote of thanks to the Chair as well as to the Participants present in the public hearing meeting. The Addl. District Magistrate has announced the completion of public hearing meeting of the proposed project.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

 04/03/2022

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Regional Officer, I/c
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha,
Balangir
(Assisted as representative of SPCB,
Odisha)

Regional Officer
State Pollution Control Board
Regional Office, Balangir

 04/03/2022

Sri Mahendra Mahapatra, OAS (S)
Addl. District Magistrate, Balangir
(Presided and supervised over the Public
Hearing meeting)
Additional District Magistrate
Balangir

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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA
 (Department of Forest & Environment, Govt. of Odisha)
 Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012

No. 1200/ IND-II-PH-988 Date : 27.01.2022

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that The Tahsildar, Balangir Tahasil has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Basupali Cluster Stone Quarry over an area of 9.67 ha. in Basupali village under Balangir Tehsil of Balangir 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:

- A. Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- B. Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- C. Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and / or functioning in the field of environment.
- D. 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 04.03.2022 at 11.00 A.M at Basupali School, Block/Tahsil - Balangir in the district Balangir. 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-JA.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.ospcb.org free of cost.

1. District Collector's Office, Balangir.
2. District Industries Center, Balangir.
3. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Balangir.
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, Balangir.
6. Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY
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At the Sunday Times at 30.1.22 P.9