

**PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR JALAMERIPALLI SAND QUARRY OF SMT. LAXMI
SETHI OVER AN AREA OF 8.8777 HA FOR PRODUCTION OF ORDINARY SAND:
5,000 CUM/ANNUM AT JALAMERIPALLI VILLAGE, DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF
DISTRICT GANJAM, HELD ON 20.04.2022 AT 11.00 AM AT KOTHAGHARA OF
VILLAGE JALAMERIPALLI (PLOT NO. 1476 , KHATA NO. 324, MOUZA
JALAMERIPALLI) UNDER DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF GANJAM DISTRICT**

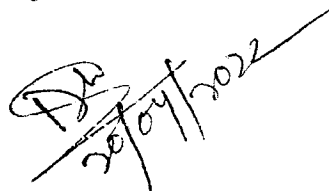
At the outset, Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur welcomed all the persons assembled in the hearing. He briefed about the EIA Notification, 2006 and the objectives of the public hearing. He stated that Smt. Laxmi Sethi has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for Jalameripalli Sand Quarry over an area of 8.8777 ha. for production of Ordinary Sand : 5,000 cum/Annum in Jalameripalli village, Digapahandi 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 “ The Sambad ” dated 17.03.2022 and an English Daily “The Times of India” dated 17.03.2022 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and Executive Summaries (Odia & English) 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 Kaithakhandi Gram Panchayat, Phasiguda Gram Panchayat, Bhismagiri Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Office, Digapahandi 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 Priyaranjan Prusty, O.A.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 Jalameripalli Sand Quarry to brief about the project.

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Sri Amaresh Rath, representative of Smt. Laxmi Sethi, presented the salient features of the proposed Jalameripalli Sand Quarry, 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 lessee 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 30 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 23 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 05 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 Mohan Biswal, At- Jalameripalli, Digapahandi

He apprehended that due to mining of sand there will be damage to stone pitched river embankment during flood and villagers will face various difficulties. Therefore excavation of sand shall not be allowed.

2. Sri Harikrushna Routa, At- Jalameripalli, Digapahandi

He stated that they have no objection for this proposal however the lessee shall transport the sand only during day time i.e. from 6.00 AM to 6.00 PM and there shall not be any transportation during night hours. He further added that the lessee shall also protect environment.

3. Sri Gurudev Panigrahy, At- Jalameripalli, Digapahandi

He stated that, they have no objection for this proposal if transportation will be allowed during day time only. Further he added that this project will help local villagers as sand will be easily available to them for construction works.

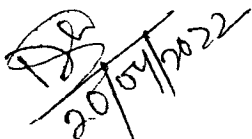
4. Sri Sunil Pradhan, At- Jalameripalli, Digapahandi.

He supports this project proposal however he demanded that the Administration should take steps to protect existing stone pitched river embankment. He further apprehended that due to sand excavation river embankment may be damaged which will cause problem to the villagers during flood.

5. Sri Mitu Biswal, At- Jalameripalli, Digapahandi

He stated that due to mining of sand ground water level is getting depleted which affects the drinking water sources. Further he demanded for plantation, to take steps to control dust pollution during transportation and take steps for protection of environment.

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 Jalameripalli Sand Quarry of Smt. Laxmi Sethi to address the issues raised by the local public. Sri K. Sethi, representative of Smt. Laxmi Sethi addressed the apprehensions raised by the public.

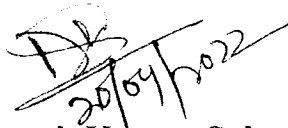
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Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by the oral deliberators. The minutes of the public hearing were prepared which has been ratified by Sri Priyaranjan Prusty, O.A.S, Addl. District Magistrate (Rev), Ganjam with the views and concerns of the deliberators. The video recording of the entire public hearing is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

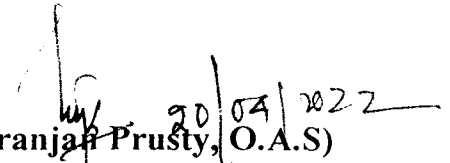
The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of the project proponent, prepared in Odia and English Language are annexed as **Annexure-III** and **Annexure-IV** separately.

The public hearing was ended with vote of thanks by the chair.



(Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo)

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(Assisted as representative of
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(Sri Priyaranjan Prusty, O.A.S)

Addl. District Magistrate(Rev), Ganjam
(Presided and Supervised
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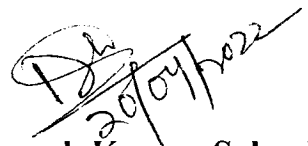
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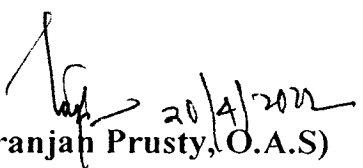
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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

SL. NO.	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVE OF SMT. LAXMI SETHI, PROJECT PROPONENT.
1.	<p>i) Plantation for protection of Environment and River embankment.</p> <p>ii) Control dust pollution during transportation.</p> <p>iii) Protection of existing stone pitched river embankment.</p> <p>iv) Transportation of sand only during day time.</p>	<p>Sri K. Sethi has assured followings:</p> <p>i) Plantation will be carried out over river embankment for its protection.</p> <p>ii) There will be no transportation of sand during night hours as demanded by the public.</p> <p>iii) There will be no working zone of 7.5 meters from embankment.</p>


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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

(Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha)
Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012



No. 3653 IND II-PH-969

Date: 14.03.2022

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that Smt Laxmi Sathia is proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Jalameripalli Sand Quarry over an area of 8.8777 ha at Jalameripalli village under Digapahandi Tahsil of Ganjam District to obtain Environmental Clearance from the 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, E1 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 20.04.2022 at 11.00 A.M at Kothaghara, Jalameripalli (Over plot No.1476 in Khata No.324) Mouza - Jalameripalli under Digapahandi tehsil 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, Chatrapur.
- District Industries Center, Ganjam, Chatrapur.
- In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, Chatrapur.
- In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Parivesh Bhawan, 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.

Sd/-

MEMBER SECRETARY

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