

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF REMAL SAND BED, KHAILO OF SRI HRUSHIKESHA JENA OF M/S. JENA MINERALS PVT. LTD., OVER AN AREA OF 5.06 HA IN MOUZA KHAILO OF TAHASIL GHASIPURA IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR HELD ON 20.06.2022 AT 11.0 AM NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE, (KHATA NO. 215 (AJA), PLOT NO. 475, KISSAM- BIALI, AREA- AC.2.0) AT VILLAGE KHAILO IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR.

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 20.06.2022 as per the schedule and at the venue in accordance with the EIA Notification S. O. 1533 (E) dt. 14.09.2006. The public hearing with regard to date, place and time was published in Daily News Paper. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Er P Kar, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar welcomed the public to the hearing and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Smt. Susama Bilung, OAS(S), Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar presided over and supervised the public hearing. She briefed about the importance and objectives of such hearing and invited the project proponent to highlight on proposed project.

Sri Suman Ku Sahoo, Representative of the Project Proponent explained about the proposed project and briefed about the Pollution Control measures to be adopted in the Project.

The following is the summary of the public hearing proceedings, reflecting all the views and concerns expressed by the assembled public at the venue. It was recorded by the officials of the Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Keonjhar.

1. Sri Muralidhar Sahoo, Khailo, Radhikadeipur G.P

During his address he expressed that the villagers are observing all rituals, taking bath and doing other day to day activities in river Remal for which they all are totally dependent upon Remalriver only. Further, he informed that twenty to twenty one years ago sand was extracted from this river which has created many ditches beneath the existing bridge structure, and he apprehended that there is every possibility that bridge may collapse at any time. Due to extensive sand extraction, stone packing on both side of the river has become loosen and may wash away in future if further sand extraction is carried out. Due to this activity there is even damage to the green belt. He strongly opposed for sand mining apprehending that it may lead to facing problems for them.

He submitted a written memorandum to the chair.

2. Sri Bhaskar Chandra Behera, Anlapal

Sri Behera informed that the stone packing on both side of the river and check dam constructed by the Govt. has already loosened. Anlapal road has got damaged due to transportation of sand on that road for two to three years. So, he urged to resolve these issues and expressed that they have no problem if sand extraction will be carried out only after resolving their issues & after having discussion with the villagers about their difficulties.

3. Sri Alekh Chandra Jena, Khailo, Radhikadeipur

Sri Jena expressed that villagers & their cattle will be facing difficulties if sand will be extracted from river Remalas the stone packing on both side of the river will be damaged and their village will be flooded. He requested the authorities not to allow for sand mining & to inspect the site for its feasibility.



4. **Sri Bijoy Kumar Das, Rajgadipur**

Sri Das informed that due to sand extraction from Remal river bed before two to three years, back the road has got damaged and even after many request till now road has not been repaired. He requested to M/s. Jena Minerals Pvt Ltd. to utilise the fund judiciously meant for plantation & development of villagers. He also said that they have no objection for extraction of riverbed sand as everybody will get benefit out of it but at the same time requested the district administration to look after the development of the villagers.

5. **Sri Alok Kumar Sahoo, Khailo**

Sri Sahoo informed that due to river bed sand mining the condition of the bridge has deteriorated and may collapse. The school is situated at a very short distance from the river which will get affected and if further sand is extracted the entire village will be flooded. He requested the authority to inspect about the ground reality.

6. **Sri Pradeep Barik, Khailo**

Sri Barik stated that all the villagers depend upon this river. Once the sand bed mining starts there will be big ditches/holes and there will be chances that people may fall into it. In the past already two to three persons have died after falling in the ditches. He questioned who will return their near and dear ones and, who will compensate their loss in case the same situation repeats. He also said that out of this sand bed mining some people may get benefitted but majority of people will be the sufferer. Due to these activities the bridge may get collapse and road communication among the residents of six to seven villages will also be affected. Their cattle's graze in the riverbanks but once mining will start their cattle may fall into the ditches. He strongly opposed for the sand mining.

7. **Sri Rangadhar Jena, Khailo**

Sri Jena informed the river Remal is flowing through the land of all the patta holders of their village. Five to six Panchayat people are using the existing bridge and there is every possibility of collapse of the bridge due to extraction of sand. He requested the district administration to look after it so that the villagers will be benefitted.

8. **Smt. Purnima Palei, Khailo**

Smt. Palei strongly opposed for sand extraction saying that their village women are using the Remal river for their various activities and bathing purpose. She said that at any conditions the village women are not going to leave the river for sand mining and warned that there will be great disturbances if situation arises.

9. **Sri Ranjan Kumar Palei, Khailo**

Sri Palei complained that they have suffered severe losses due to sand mining in past. They have kept everything in mind but still they don't want any compensation. He further said that they don't want to suffer for the same mistake in future and firmly demanded not to allot the riverbed to anybody in auction for extraction of sand.



10. Smt. Triphala Palei, Khailo

Smt. Palei registered her name in the speaker list but refused to sign and address in front of public gathered in the hearing.

11. Smt. Bhanumati Palei, Khailo

Smt. Palei showed her concern that due to reverbed mining there will be big holes/ditches and their children will drown and there will be loss oflives. She questioned about the responsibility to be taken for such incidents & strongly opposed for sand mining.

12. Smt. Puspanjali Palei, Khailo

Smt. Palei strongly opposed for mining of sand saying that the villagers will facelot of problems and especially there is every possibility that their children and cattle's grazing over there will drown if they fell into the holes that will be created due to sand mining. She questioned that whether the district administration will give back life to their children who may lose life by falling in the ditches or else there will be no sand mining in their river.

13. Smt. Manorama Ghadei, Khailo

Smt. Ghadei showed her concern about the loss of lives due to fall in ditches which may be caused due to sand mining activities. She further said that sand extraction in their river should be stopped as Govt. cannot compensate the loss of lives nor they can give back life to the deceased.

14. Smt. Khandei Parida, Khailo

Smt. Khandei opposed for sand extraction and said that the villagers are carrying out various activities in that river which will be hampered due to sand mining. She also apprehended that there will be loss of lives due to sand mining. She warned that they are ready to face any dire consequences if sand extraction will be carried out.

15. Smt. Padmabati Das, Khailo

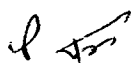
Smt. Das showed her concern about their school going children and said if accidentally they fell into the ditches caused due to river bed sand mining and lose their lives then who will give back life to them. She demanded that no sand extraction to be carried out.

16. Sri Susanta Das, Khailo

Sri Das expressed that their cattle are grazing in the bank of River Remal and the villagers are very much dependant on the River. If river bed mining starts, there will be always possibilities of accident due to drowning into the ditches caused due to sand mining activities. So he requested not to permit the sand bed for mining.

17. Sri KushadhwajaBarik, Khailo

Sri Barik informed that earlier two children have already died due to drowning in the river ditches. He said that the villagers are facing a lot many difficulties for this and are staying in miserable conditions. He also informed that the villager had already conducted a meeting among them and have decided no further sand mining activities will be carried out over there.



18. Sri Krushna Chandra Jena, Khailo

Sri Jena informed that sand beds are available in other surrounding villages also & questioned why they have decided to auction river bed in their village. He said that they will not leave their river for sand extraction.

19. Sri Pinku Mishra, Khailo

Sri Mishra introduced himself as a resident of this village & requested to give utmost importance to the basic necessities of the villagers. He told that whatever his previous speakers Sri Kushadhwa Barik and other expressed their concern is a clear indication what the villagers are thinking about sand mining, which everybody should understand. He again gave stress to ensure about good road condition and road safety for the villagers and especially for the pregnant women of the village. He requested that decision for sand mining should be taken by taking into account all the matters discussed here.

The Regional Officer, SPCB, Keonjhar read over the issues raised by the public in the hearing. Sri Suman Kumar Sahoo, Representative of the Project Proponent responded to the issues raised. Smt Susama Bilung OAS (S), ADM Keonjhar gave concluding remarks of the Hearing.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Odia and English and it is annexed with the proceedings as Annexure I & II respectively, list of the oral deliberators and participants in the hearing is annexed as Annexure III & IV respectively. Thirteen numbers of written representations received during public hearing is annexed as Annexure-V (a to m).

The video graph of proceedings are recorded and submitted as DVD (I).

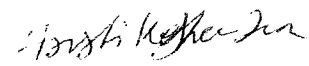
Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.


Er P Kar
Regional Officer
State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar


Smt. Susama Bilung, OAS (S)
Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar

STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND RESPONSE OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT OF REMAL SAND BED, KHAILO OF SRI HRUSHIKESHA JENA OF M/S. JENA MINERALS PVT. LTD., OVER AN AREA OF 5.06 HA IN MOUZA KHAILO OF TAHASIL GHASIPURA IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 20.06.2022 AT 11.0 AM NEAR COMMUNITY CENTRE, (KHATA NO. 215 (AJA), PLOT NO. 475, KISSAM- BIALI, AREA- AC.2.0) AT VILLAGE KHAILO IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR.

Sl No.	Issues raised	Response of Project Proponent
Environmental Issues:		
1.	Adequate Pollution Control measures during transportation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ During dry season water sprinkling will be done over the transportation road. ❖ During transportation of sand, tarpaulin cover will be kept over the sand.
2.	Measures for protection of bridge and stone packing of Remal river.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bridge maintenance work is meant to restore a bridge to an improved condition. ❖ Preventive and Corrective maintenance will be made for the protection of bridge by following methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Washing and cleaning. ➤ Sealing deck joints. ➤ Clearing drainage areas. ➤ Sealing cracks. ➤ Painting exposed elements. ➤ Removing trash and other debris. ➤ Protecting against scour. ❖ The project proponent will bear the cost of part of the area of stone packing.
3.	Utilization of funds plantation & protection of environment.	The PP will do the plantation over River bank to prevent soil erosion and change of flow of river water.
Peripheral Issues:		
1.	Development of villages.	The project proponent will contribute towards the development of surrounding villages in regards to health, and sanitation. The PP will also engage local people contractually for the winning and transportation of sand.
2.	Development of Roads.	Connecting road to the project area will be regularly maintained and strengthened by proper grading, filling and compaction.
3.	Safety measures for children, cattle's from drowning due to formation of ditches.	Safety fencing will be provided around the excavated pit area and a guard will be provided for watch and ward. This will help in the prevention of children, cattle's from drowning due to formation of ditches.



**Signature with seal
of Project Proponent**