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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE IN RESPECT OF M/S. BENTAKARPADA SAND QUARRY PROPOSED BY SRI SUBASH CHANDRA ROUT ON RIVER KATHAJODI OVER AN AREA OF 10.12 HECTARE AT VILLAGE BENTAKARPADA UNDER BARANGA TAHASIL OF CUTTACK DISTRICT**

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The Public Hearing meeting of M/s. Bentakarpada Sand Quarry proposed by Sri Subash Chandra Rout on River Kathajodi over an area of 10.12 hectare at village Bentakarpada under Baranga Tahasil of Cuttack district was held on dtd. 22.06.2022 at the field adjacent to Bentakarpada Sand Quarry under Baranga Tahasil in Cuttack district, Odisha at 11.30 AM with reference to:

1. EIA Notification S. O. 1533(E) dated 14.09.2006.
2. Interim Operational Guidelines.

**The Panel consists of the following members:**

1. Sri Purna Chandra Mishra, OAS (SAG), Additional District Magistrate, Cuttack
2. Er. Rashmita Priyadarshini, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Cuttack

At the outset, welcoming the members participated in the meeting presided over by the Additional District Magistrate, Cuttack, the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, gave a brief introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notification, 2006 and interim operational guidelines till date, in respect of project proposed by Sri Subash Chandra Rout, project proponent.

Welcoming the public, Er. Rashmita Priyadarshini, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Cuttack, explained the views, comments, objections and opinions of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. She informed that the date, time and venue for conducting this public hearing was duly advertised in Odia daily newspaper "Samaj" on dtd. 20.05.2022 and in English daily newspaper "The Times of India" on dtd. 20.05.2022 for intimation to the public about this public hearing meeting. She asked the project proponent to make a brief presentation before the public gathered in the meeting about the various aspects of the proposed project to be undertaken for better awareness of the public.

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Sri Swadesh Rout son of Sri Subash Chandra Rout, project proponent, addressed the committee members and the assembled public. He informed that they have engaged Environment Consultant M/s. Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar for this project and requested them to make a presentation about the project.

On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Jagabandhu Bisoi, representative of M/s. Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd addressed the panel members and the assembled public. He made a brief presentation about the salient features of the proposed project, environmental management, pollution control measures, waste management, afforestation programme and various other CSR activities envisaged in the proposed project.

Then Er. Rashmita Priyadarshini, Regional officer, State Pollution Control Board, Cuttack requested the public to give their views, comments, objections and opinions on the proposed project.

**The following speakers gave their views on the above said project, which is given as follows:**

**1. Sri Prakash Swain, Bentakarpada:**

He welcomed the dignitaries present in the meeting. He raised allegation that the field where the public hearing meeting is conducted is not the sand field of Bentakarpada village. He also sought clarification regarding organizing the meeting at this location for which the Bentakarpada villagers have attended the public hearing after covering a distance of 10 to 12 Km. He said Bentakarpada village exist other side of the river and they have come to Ward No. 4 & 5 to attend the meeting. Further he informed that, they had sought clarification to the Tahasildar one day before the public hearing meeting that Bentakarpada village exist at one location whereas public hearing meeting is arranged at another location and Tahasildar made a clarification that as the sand quarry is located there so the public hearing meeting is arranged there. He also said in 2019 when Sri Subash Rout, lessee took the sand quarry at that time the approach road to the sand quarry was from this side but now they came to know that approach road to the sand quarry has been proposed from other side of the river and they need a clarification from the authority in this regard. He said they want that the lessee will do sand mining from the plot which is allotted to him and also use the same plot for approach road. He said if the lessee will use road by filling river bed upto of 2 Km length then how the river will be protected. He requested to the authority to conduct the public hearing once again at Bentakarpada village as most of the villagers have not attended the meeting.

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**2. Sri Premanshu Behera, Corporator, Ward no. 5:**

He said that the approach road to the sand quarry should be allowed on the same plot where the sand quarry is located that is on Bentakarpada village side not from CDA side. He said if road will be allowed from CDA side then many slums existed to this sides will be affected. Further he alleged that the project proponent has proposed to do water sprinkling on road but actually it is not done by the sand mine. He said that if the approach road to the sand mine will be provided from CDA side then the public hearing required to be conducted once again so that people of Ward No. 4 & 5 will be remain present to give their view. He finally stated, if pubic of this area will be affected due to operation of the sand quarry, then as a public servant, he will oppose it.

**3. Sri Akshay Kumar Mohanty, Husband of Corporator Ward no. 4:**

He made allegation that the public hearing site exists under Ward No. 4 coming under CDA and not under Baranga Tahasil and also the public of Ward No. 4 are not aware about this public hearing meeting. Further he said that they came to know the sand quarry is located under Baranga Tahasil but since the public of that concerned villagers are opposing for the road so they have proposed to provide approach road from CDA area. He said that this meeting is conducted without taking the views of the public and he requested to postpone the meeting to another day after taking views of the public.

**4. Sri Gangadhar Sethi, Bentakarpada:**

He welcomed the dignitaries and said the public hearing is conducted around 11km away from Bentakarpada mouza. He said the sand quarry is located towards CDA side but approach road is proposed to be provided from their village side. As many villagers have not come to the meeting, he requested to the district administration to conduct the meeting in their village Bentakarpada.

**5. Manoj Kumar Sethi, Bentakarpada:**

He said this is not the adjacent field of Bentkarpada sand quarry so how the decision was taken to conduct meeting here as it is not Bentakarpada area meeting. So, the public hearing required to be conducted once again in Bentakarpada village. He stated that as per previous mining plan the road to the sand quarry was from this side but later the road is proposed from other side of the river through Bentakarpada village. He requested to conduct public hearing once again in Bentakarpada village where the villagers will be able to give their views.

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**6. Ms. Kaushalya Ojha, Ward No. 4:**

She said that this meeting place is coming under Ward No.4 and they have not been informed about the meeting. She said they are living here for 20 years and if they will be shifted from this place, then where will they go. She said when a Basti is demolished then people are informed several months before, but they have not got any information.

Then Addl. District Magistrate, Cuttack clarified that as per CMC it is Ward No. 3 & 4 but this area is coming under Bentakarpada revenue village. Further Tahasildar, Barang informed the other side of the river and this side of the river is coming under Bentakarpada village. He said as per Cuttack Municipal Corporation the sand quarry is located in Ward No. 3 and its nearby area coming under Ward No. 4 & 5. He said news paper notice was done one month before and mike announcement was also done in Ward No. 3,4,5,6,7 & 8 one day before to inform the public about the meeting.

**7. Ranjan Bhuyan, Bentakarpada:** He said to cancel the public hearing meeting here and conduct in Bentakarpada village.

**8. Shanti Behera, Kathajodi Vihar:**

She said that they are Basti people and living here since last 10 to 15 years. She asked if the Basti will be demolished for the sand quarry, then where will they go. She said they are poor people and no one is listening to them.

In response to her Tahsildar clarified that their Basti will not be demolished.

**9. Smruti Ranjan Swain, Bentakarpada:**

He said the meeting should be conducted at Bentakarpada village as the location of the village is in one area and meeting is organized in another area. Further he mentioned, in the year 2019- 2020 when the sand mine was auctioned and allotted to the lessee Sri Subash Chandra Rout, the approach road to the sand mine was proposed in which side and now the approach road to the sand mine is proposed from which side. He said the representative of the lessee informed that development activity will be carried out for the village but whether the lessee has discussed with the villagers on this matter. He said if Government wants this project, then the lessee needs to go to the villagers and discuss with them about it.

**10. Lipi Tudu, Kathajodi Vihar:** She remained absent.

**11. Purna Chandra Swain, Bentakarpada:** He said if the public hearing meeting had been conducted at Bentakarpada village then it would have been better.

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**12. Lemba Purty, Ward No. 4:**

She said they are living in Ward No. 4 and Ward No.7. If the approach road to the sand mine will be allowed through their wards then dust pollution will be generated and she requested not to allow road from their wards.

**Shanti Behera (previous speaker No. 8)** again sought clarification about demolition of their house due to the sand quarry. In response to her query the Addl District Magistrate, Cuttack clarified to the public that, this public hearing meeting is conducted for sand quarry only and not related to Basti. He said there is no proposal for eviction of Basti due to the sand quarry so they should not be worried.

**Sri Prakash Swain, Bentakarpada (previous speaker No. 1)** again stated if the approach road to the sand quarry will be constructed through their village, then a road will be constructed by filling 1 to 2 Km of river bed. Filling of river bed will obstruct the water flow, create dust pollution, affect the livelihood of fisher men and the villagers who depend on river will also be affected. He said Bentakarpada villagers are strongly opposing construction of approach road to the sand quarry on river bed and through their village.

**13. Shiva Soren, CDA:** He did not give any clear statement.

**14. Smt Rashmita Sahoo, Ward No. 4:** She said they have not been informed about the meeting. Suddenly a meeting is conducted to take decision to provide road for the sand quarry. Further she stated the road connected to another sand quarry is located nearby area can also be used for this sand quarry. But a separate road is proposed for this quarry and asking them to give their land for road construction. She said where will they go if road will be constructed in their ward. So, government should take decision after rehabilitating them.

**14. Sri Manas Ranjan swain, Bentakarpada:**

He sought clarification regarding the location of approach road to the sand quarry. He said if the approach road to the sand quarry is proposed from CDA side, then Bentakarpada villagers are not required to attend the meeting. But if the road will pass through Bentakarpada village then the meeting is required to be conducted once again in the Bentakarpada village where their villagers can participate.

Total 14 Nos. of people had registered their names to express their views, comments etc. and deliberated their views accordingly. About 120 people were attended the

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public hearing meeting but only 17 Nos. of people have signed the attendance sheet. Four Nos. of written representation received during the public hearing are enclosed.

After all the speakers completed giving their respective opinion and suggestion, the Regional Officer, Cuttack asked the project proponent to give relevant reply, if any to the issues raised. On behalf of the project proponent Sri Jagabandhu Bisoi replied that necessary control measures will be taken to protect the environment as per the advice of environmental consultant, employment shall be given to the local people on priority basis, development activity of the area will be done in consultation with representatives of people and they will follow the government guidelines on minor mineral operation.

Sri Sankalp Swastik Sahoo, Tahasildar, Barang informed the public that Sri Subash Chandra Rout was selected as successful bidder for the Bentakarpada sand quarry in 2019. This project was not yet started as Environmental Clearance for the project has not yet been obtained. As per the mining plan prepared in 2019 the approach road to the sand quarry was from CDA side but as per the modified mining plan prepared in 2020 the road has been proposed through Bentakarpada village. Tahsildar stated that he will submit both the mining plan to the SEIAA and they will take decision that approach road to the sand quarry will pass from which side.

The issues raised by the public and the reply of the project proponent has been prepared in English & Odia and attached separately. Finally, the Regional Officer ended the meeting with thanks to the chair.

  
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STATEMENT OF ISSUE RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND REPLY OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT IN THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. BENTAKARPADA SAND QUARRY PROPOSED BY SRI SUBASH CHANDRA ROUT

Issues raised by the public in public hearing meeting	Reply of the Project Proponent
<p>The Issues raised at the public hearing meeting are given as follows;</p> <p><b>Environmental issues:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dust pollution</li> <li>2. Water sprinkling on road</li> </ol> <p><b>Other issues:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not to construct road across the river bed for the sand quarry</li> <li>2. Not to construct road through CDA side.</li> </ol>	<p>On behalf of the project proponent Sri Jagabandhu Bisoi, representative of M/s. Kalyani Laboratories Pvt. Ltd replied that necessary control measures will be taken to protect the environment as per the advice of environmental consultant, employment shall be given to the local people on priority basis, development activity of the area will be done in consultation with representatives of people and they will follow the government guidelines on minor mineral operation.</p>

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