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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 22.09.2022 AT 11.00 AM AT NILAKANTHAPADA VILLAGE UNDERATHAMALLIK TAHASIL OF ANGUL DISTRICT IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR NILAKANTHAPADA RIVER SAND BEDOVER AN AREA OF 21.934 HA. IN VILLAGE NILAKANTHAPADA UNDER ATHAMALLIK TEHSIL OF ANGUL DISTRICT.

Public hearing in respect of Environmental Assessment for Nilakanthapada River Sand bed over an area of 21.934 Ha. in Village Nilakanthapada under Athamallik Tahasil of Angul District.

With reference to:

- i. EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14-09-2006

The panel consisted of following members:

- i. Sri Tarani Suna, Sub-Collector, Athamallik, Angul District
- ii. Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPC Board, Angul.

Sri Tarani Suna, Sub-Collector, Athamallik, Angul District, supervised and presided over the meeting, assisted by Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul and the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

At the outset Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, SPC Board, Angul welcome the other panel member and the public, gave an introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notifications 2006 in respect of Environmental Assessment for Nilakanthapada River Sand bed over an area of 21.934 Ha. in Village Nilakanthapada under Athamallik Tahasil of Angul District.

Sri Suman Kumar Sahu, representative on behalf of P & M Solution Consultancy addressed the committee members and assembled public and gave a brief description about the proposed project. He also briefed about Nilakanthapada River Sand bed over an area of 21.934 Ha. in Village Nilakanthapada under Athamallik Tahasil of Angul District with the peripheral development work that had been taken up in this area, and made a



presentation about the environmental management, pollution control measures, solid waste-management of the related project. The copy of the statement of the industry read out at public hearing proceedings is enclosed.

Regarding public hearing in respect of Environmental Assessment for Nilakanthapada River Sand bed over an area of 21.934 Ha. in Village Nilakanthapada under Athamallik Tahasil of Angul District was publicized at one English Daily newspaper and one Odia daily newspaper before one month. It was also publicized at the office notice Board of Kudgaon Gram Panchayat office, Tahasil Office Athamallik, Jilla Parisad Office Angul & Athamallik Zone office and local villages of Nilakanthapada, Khadarapada and Kudgaon village. Public hearing also publicized through loud speaker at the Nilakanthapada, Khadarapada and Kudgaon village area.

Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board Odisha then invited the public to present their views about the proposed project on environmental consideration.

The views expressed by various speakers are as follows:

01	Sri Aswini Kumar Pradhan, Nilakanthapada village
	He expressed that although this sand quarry has been operating since long time but as on date the Nilaskanthapada villagers has not seen any type of benefit in respect to peripheral developmental activity. This sand quarry has been operating illegally and thefting by the outsiders. He said that there is another sand quarry in the name of Khadarapada Sand Quarry exists within close proximity having 100 m. distance but why District Administration has divided into two separate quarries i. e. Khadarapada Sand Quarry and Nilakanthapada Sand Quarry. The total area of the two-sand quarry is about 34.74 Ha but as per Government norms it should be in B 1 category with cluster approach. He said that in future the villagers will never get any type of peripheral development although there will be generation of revenue from operation of these sand quarries. There may be environmental loss.
02	Sri Rasananda Rajhansa, Nilakanthapada village
	He expressed that the distance between proposed sand quarry to State



	<p>Highway is about 1 km. The school going children will face many problems if sand quarry starts its operation. Simultaneously sand dust will affect cultivation. There may be occurrence of flood in the village. There should not be operation of Nilakanthapada sand quarry. Due to sand transport activity river bank will damage and the villagers will be affected by many types of diseases. He said that there is another sand quarry in the name of Khadarapada Sand Quarry exists within close proximity having 100 m. distance but why District Administration has divided into two separate quarries i. e. Khadarapada Sand Quarry and Nilakanthapada Sand Quarry. The total area of the two-sand quarry is about 34.74 Ha but as per Government norms it should be in B 1 category with cluster approach. It leads to more environmental impact. He said that the Nilakanthapada sand quarry should operate. The development in this area is very much needed. If there will be no income source, then how much assistance will be given by District Administration. The school going children needs to be educated. The project proponent mentioned that during sand loaded vehicle traffic movement water sprinkling will be provided but in past nobody did the water sprinkling within village road. Government has not taken any steps in this regard. If this type of practice continues then there should close of sand quarry operation.</p>
03	<p>Sri Ranjit Danga, Ward Member, Nilakanthapada village</p> <p>He said that the villagers are not in favour of operation of sand quarry. If it operates there will be creation of many voids. In past flood occurred in this area and villagers were faced many problems. Even District Administration has not provided necessary assistance to this village. He finally told that villagers do not want to give permission to operate Nikanthapada sand quarry.</p>
04	<p>Sri Jiten Chaulia, Nilakanthaoada village</p> <p>He said that for construction of houses under Indira Abas Yoyona whether sand will procure from close proximity or procure from long distance. The villagers shall clarify it.</p>
05	<p>Sri Sangram Keshar iChaulia, Nilakanthapada village</p> <p>He said that due to operation of Khadarapada Sand Quarry he has been facing many problems and requested that this type of problem should not happen for other villagers. There is a patch of land exists adjacent to approach road towards Khadarapada Sand Quarry. Due to traffic movement with noise, he could not able to cultivate his land. He told that there should not be further permission to other sand quarry because it leads to damage of environment. Sometimes drivers were found to be drunken condition and villagers facing</p>



	many problems.
06	Sri Hrudanda Chaulia, Nilakanthapada village
	He expressed sand will be loaded with the help of JCB machine to different Tractors/small vehicle/heavy loaded vehicle and during movement of these vehicles within the village road, there may be the possibility of spread of dust to their houses / foods / leaves and for which the villagers may suffer different types of diseases. He also mentioned that there is every possibility of damage of river bank and during rain there may be flood in their village. There may be the possibility of affect in Agricultural. Finally, he mentioned that the Nilakanthapada sand quarry shall not be given permission to operate.
07	Sri Aditya Kumar Menduli, Nilakanthapada village
	He told that during advertisement in Daily news it was mentioned 21.934 Ha as total area of Nilakanthapada sand quarry under Athamallik Tahasil. In the Executive summary in English it is mentioned as 21.934 Ha which is equal to 54.20 Acre in Khata no. 72 bearing plot no. 762/p but in Odia Executive summary copy it was mentioned Khata no. 72 bearing plot no. 762 (Part(/p)is not mentioned). Auction was held for 70.70 acres which is not matching with the figure mentioned in Executive Summary report. Similarly, production details are not matching in Odia and English executive summary copy. This type of differential report should not publish for public knowledge.
08	Sri Himanshu Sekhar Chaulia, Nilakanthapada village
	He expressed that throughout the day and night time heavy vehicles are moving within this State Highway causing dust pollution. Similarly, in the river sand bed JCB machines has been operating with high noise creating disturbances during night time. The old age people facing difficulties due to heavy noise generated by JCB machine. The river bank is not protected by stone patching. He said that in respect of generation of revenue why Government is initiating sand mining activity in Nilakanthapada village. The Government shall think better living facility for the villagers.
09	Sri Sidhartha Shankar Kheti, Kudgaon (Sarpanch) village
	He said that he belongs to Sarpanch of Kudgaon Gram Panchayat. There is a water intake point exist near about 200 m. distance from proposed Nilakanthapada Sand Quarry and water is being supplied to Nilakanthapada, Kudgaon, Khadarapada and Hinsai villages. Adjacent to this water intake point villager's cremation ground exists. He said that JCB machines with trucks are kept adjacent to Pump house. There is also storage of sand which is not at all



permitted. Entire thing has happened without the knowledge of Sarpanch. Sometimes Sarpanch also getting threaten from outsiders. He mentioned that sand excavation by government leads to generation of revenue which shall utilize for the benefit of nearby villagers. He welcomed this system but he pointed out that most of the time it was observed that vehicles are running with beyond loading capacity of sand. He said that there is a small hamlet comprising of 300 people residing inside island of Mahanadi River and the approach road to the hamlets is passing near Nilakanthapada sand quarry. But due to truck movement on this road the villagers facing many difficulties. School children as well as villagers are using the same road which is being used by the sand loaded vehicles and during movement of sand loaded vehicles on this road the school children and villagers are not able to walk properly. He said that as spoken by previous speaker that there is a patch of land exists adjacent to approach road towards Khadarapada Sand Quarry. Due to traffic movement with noise he could not able to cultivate his land. The village road has been damaged due to movement of sand loaded trucks. He said that separate road shall be constructed for movement of sand loaded vehicles. Instead of doing this why Government has bifurcated single sand quarry to two different quarries. In Khadarapada Sand Quarry, contractors excavated sand beyond lease hold area. Finally, he told that it is up to Government, should decide which is better and what should be done for the betterment of the villagers.

At the endsome villagers those in favour of the proposed sand quarry submitted their written representation (10 nos) are annexed separately as per annexure I.

Similarly some villagers those are not in favour of the proposed sand quarry submitted their written representation (38 nos) are annexed separately as per annexure II.

Observation:

Generation of air pollution during movement of vehicles, flood issues, damage of river bank, bad road condition, separation of sand quarry, crops are not yield properly due to sound and dust pollution etc. were the most important issues emerged during the discussion.

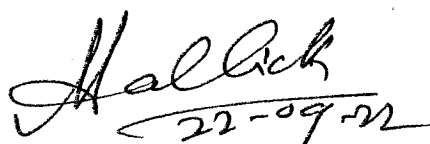
Dr. Anup Kumar Mallick, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Angul & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, prepared the summary of the



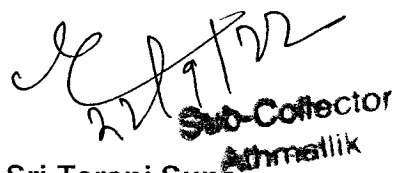
public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns expressed by the speakers with the inclusion of comments of the applicant read over to the audience at the end of the meeting explaining the contents in the ODIA Language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting was prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicant, prepared in Odia and English language is annexed herewith separately.

The President of Public Hearing meeting Sri Tarani Suna, Sub-Collector, Athamallik, Angul District, ratified the minutes of meeting and with the views and demands of public. He then delivered vote of thanks to the public for extending co-operation in smooth conducting of the public hearing proceedings.

The meeting was ended with thanks to the chair.



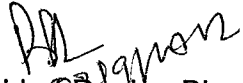
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STATEMENT OF ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC AND COMMENTS DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CONDUCTED ON 22.09.2022 AT 11.00 AM AT NILAKANTHAPADA VILLAGE UNDERATHAMALLIK TAHASIL OF ANGUL DISTRICT IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR NILAKANTHAPADA RIVER SAND BEDOVER AN AREA OF 21.934 HA. IN VILLAGE NILAKANTHAPADA UNDER ATHAMALLIK TEHSIL OF ANGUL DISTRICT.

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC	COMMENT OF APPLICANT
<p>The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are mainly two fold. These are issues concerning to pollution due to proposed sand mining activity and its mitigation and issues relating to development of the area i. e, peripheral development.</p> <p>The issues are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Air, Water and Noise Pollution 2. Roads damage due to movement of sand loaded vehicles. 3. Soil erosion of river bank due to sand mining. 4. School children and villagers are not walk properly on road when movement of vehicles. 	<p>Sri Prabhat Ranjan Biswal, Additional Tahasildar with I/C of Tahasildar of Athamallik and on behalf of Nilakanthapada proposed Sand Quarry was present at the public hearing gave her comments to certain demands raised by public as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dust suppression, water pollution control management and Noise pollution control practices will be complied as per norms of the State Government and as per the provision of Environment Protection Act. And OMMC Rules. 2. To keep the village road in good condition, infrastructure facilities will be provided by the District Administration. 3. During sand mining Government guideline will be followed properly and sand will be provided to the villagers with reasonable price. 4. He ensured that speed restriction will be maintained during plying of vehicles during school timings and within village road area.


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ତା ୨୨.୦୯.୨୦୨୨ ରିଖ ଦିନ ୧୧.୦୦ ଘଟିକା ସମୟରେ ନୀଳକଣ୍ଠପତା ମୌଜା, ତହସିଲ- ଆଠମଲ୍ଲିକ, ଜିଲ୍ଲା- ଅନୁଗୁଳ ରେ ଥିବା ନୀଳକଣ୍ଠପତା ଗ୍ରାମରେ ୨୧.୯୩୪ ହେକ୍ଟର ପରିମିତ ସ୍ଥାନରେ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ “ନୀଳକଣ୍ଠପତା ବାଲିଘାଟ” ନିମନ୍ତେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ହୋଇଥିବା ପରିବେଶ ମୂଲ୍ୟାଙ୍କନ ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ଜନଶୁଣାଣି ବୈଠକରେ ହୋଇଥିବା ଆପତ୍ତି ଓ ମତବ୍ୟର ବିଶଦ୍ ବିବରଣୀ:

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ଵାରା କରାଯାଇଥିବା ଆପତ୍ତି	ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକଙ୍କ ମତବ୍ୟ
<p>ଜନ ଶୁଣାଣି ସଭାରେ ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗଗୁଡ଼ିକ ମୁଖ୍ୟତଃ ୨ ପ୍ରକାର। ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ବାଲି ଖାନନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକଳାପ ଏବଂ ଏହାର କ୍ଷତିକାରକ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ସମ୍ବନ୍ଧୀୟ ବିଷୟଗୁଡ଼ିକ ହେଉଛି ଏହି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରର ବିକାଶ ସହିତ ଜଡ଼ିତ ସମସ୍ୟାଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଯଥା, ପାରିପାର୍ଶ୍ଵିକ ବିକାଶ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣକୁ ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣ କରିବା ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗଗୁଡ଼ିକ ହେଉଛି,</p> <p>୧. ବାୟୁ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ, ଜଳ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ଏବଂ ଶବ୍ଦ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ହେବ ।</p> <p>୨. ବାଲି ବୋଝେଇ ହୋଇ ଟ୍ରକ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଗ୍ରାମ ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଯାତାୟାତ କରିବା ଦ୍ଵାରା ଗାଁ ରାସ୍ତା ଖରାପ ହୋଇଯିବ ।</p> <p>୩. ବାଲି ଖାନନ ଦ୍ଵାରା ନଦୀର କୂଳ ଖରାପ ହୋଇଯିବ</p> <p>୪. ବାଲି ବୋଝେଇ ହୋଇ ଟ୍ରକ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଗ୍ରାମ ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଯାତାୟାତ କରିବା ଦ୍ଵାରା ସ୍କୁଲ ପିଲା ମାନେ ଏବଂ ଗ୍ରାମର ଲୋକମାନେ ଯାତାୟାତ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ଅସୁବିଧା ।</p>	<p>ଜନ ଶୁଣାଣିରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିବା ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ଶ୍ରୀ ପ୍ରଭାତ ରଞ୍ଜନ ବିଶ୍ଵାଳ, ସହକାରୀ ତହସିଲଦାର କି ତରଫରୁ ନିମ୍ନଲିଖିତ ଭାବରେ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ଵାରା ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା କିଛି ଆପତ୍ତି ଉପରେ ନିଜର ମତବ୍ୟ ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି।</p> <p>୧. ବାଲି ବୋଝେଇ ହୋଇ ଟ୍ରକ ଗୁଡ଼ିକ ଗ୍ରାମ ରାସ୍ତାରେ ଯାତାୟାତ କରିବା ସମୟରେ ରାସ୍ତା ଉପରେ ପଶି ସିଧିନ କରାଯିବ, ଟ୍ରକ ଉପରେ ପାଲ ଘୋଡ଼ାଯିବ ଏବଂ ଗାଡ଼ିର ଗତିକୁ ପ୍ରତିବନ୍ଧକ କରାଯିବ ।</p> <p>୨. ଗାଁ ରାସ୍ତାକୁ ଭଲ ସ୍ଥିତିରେ ରଖିବା ପାଇଁ ରାଜ୍ୟ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ସଂପୃକ୍ତ ବିଭାଗ ଦ୍ଵାରା ଭିଡ଼ିଭୁମି ସୁବିଧା ଯୋଗାଇ ଦିଆଯିବ ।</p> <p>୩. ବାଲି ଖାନନ ଦ୍ଵାରା ନଦୀର କୂଳ ଖାନନ ନହେବା ପ୍ରତି ଧ୍ୟାନ ଦିଆଯିବ ।</p> <p>୪. ସେ ସୁନିଶ୍ଚିତ କରିଛନ୍ତି ଯେ ବିଦ୍ୟାଳୟ ସମୟରେ ଏବଂ ଗ୍ରାମ ସଡ଼କ ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ଯାନବାହାନ ଚଳାଚଳ ସମୟରେ ଗଡ଼ିର ପ୍ରତିବନ୍ଧକ ବଜାୟ ରହିବ ।</p>


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 ଆଠମଲ୍ଲିକ ତହସିଲ,
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