

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING UCHHABAPALI STONE QUARRY NO. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 (UNDER CLUSTER APPROACH) OVER AN AREA OF 28.680 HA IN VILLAGE UCHHABAPALI UNDER LOISINGHA TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON DTD. 18.10.2022 AT 11.00 A.M IN VILLAGE UCHHABAPALI UNDER LOISINGHA TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT.

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

At the outset, Er. (Mrs)Babita Singh, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balangir welcomed all the public present in the meeting. She briefly described the objective of the public hearing conducted as per the 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. She also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the public hearing meeting of the project proposed by M/s.Uchhabapali Stone Quarry No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 (under Cluster approach) over an area of 28.680 Ha in village Uchhabapali under Loisingha Tahasil of Balangir district on 18.10.2022 At:11.00 A.M.Uchhabapali under Loisingha Tahasil of Balangir district was duly advertised in Odia daily "*The Pragatibadi*", dtd.15.09.2022 and English daily "*The New Indian Express*" dtd.15.09.2022(Paper clipping are enclosed as Annexure-I).

The Addl. District Magistrate, Balangir has also briefed about the proposed project and requested the public who were present during 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 M/s.Uchhabapali Stone Quarry No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 (under Cluster approach) Sri Narayan Chandra Nayak, Odisha Head Green Circle, INC, Vadodara briefly explained about the proposed project as described below:

1. It was informed that the total proposed project area is about 28.680 of land which includes 8 nos. of cluster stone quarries (1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8) comprising of Khata No. 34, Plot No. 597, 640, 639 & 751 located within 500-meter radius. It has been projected that the total production by these quarries will be around 56,000 cum of building stone annually and further will be producing about 280500 cum during 5 years of mining. The geological reserve in the project area is 44, 08,056 M³ of Ordinary

- Stone. Mineable reserve area is 24, 88,720 cum. The cost of the proposed project is Rs 2.0 Crore.
2. The total no of operations of working days of the mine is 240 days in a year. Total man power required for operation of mine is 59 nos in a day. The mines authority proposed to operate 20/30 nos of Trucks for transportation purposes in the mines. The depth of the mine is maximum 1 meter. Approximately 5 KLD water will require for dust suppression measures in the mine. The Project Proponent proposed to spend Rs 1.0 lakhs for CSR activities in the nearby villages and also spend Rs 57000 Per Annum towards environment protection in the affected areas The total expenses towards environment protection and CSR activities in the nearby area will borne by the Lease holder.
 3. It was informed that the consultant has done prior samplings and analysis of air, water, soil and noise from 01.03.2022 to 31.05.2022 within 10 km radius of the proposed project area and all the values are well within the norms.
 4. The mine authority has proposed for regular water sprinkling at least 2/3 times in a day on the main roads in the mining area to prevent air pollution and also proposed for widely extended plantation in the mining area to reduce the amount of airborne dust. The loaded trucks will covered by Tarpaulin to prevent air pollution in the mining area.
 5. The mining process includes semi mechanized way of mining of stone using jack hammer, compressor, hydraulic excavator machine with drilling and blasting. 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. The blasting method will be adopted in accordance with DGMS permission and government regulations.
 6. The mine authority has proposed to distribute of mask and sanitizer to Uchhabapali village and spend around Rs 30,000 in and year and for computer education of the local people spend around Rs 30,000/ in a year.

7. The mine authority has proposed to spend Rs 4.00 lakhs in first year and Rs 5.80 lakhs in second year towards expenditure towards environment protection in the affected area.
8. The mines authority proposed to monitor Air, Water and noise quality in the mining area at least twice in a year and submit the report to concern authorities

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

About 150 participants have attended the public hearing meeting and out of them 32 participants have put their signature in the attendance sheet whose list is annexed as **Annexure-II**. 20 persons have registered their name to deliver their views during public hearing and list is annexed as **Annexure-III**.

Statements of the public participated in the deliberation during public hearing meeting is as follow;

Sl. No.	Name of the Participants and their deliberation on the proposed project.
1.	<p><u>Sri Aruna Patra, Uchhabapali</u> He stated that the blasting in the stone quarries is of very high intensity. The elderly people heartbeat getting increased suddenly due to basting in the mine. The local people getting shocked due to loud noises of blasting. Blasting operations has developed cracks and damaging the houses of Uchhabapali villages. There is also severe air pollution due to transportation of many vehicles and destroying the roads of Uchhabapali village.</p>
2.	<p><u>Sri Pitambar Patra, Uchhabapali:</u> He stated that the forest is for animals and the nearby crusher is destroying the forest as well as the animals there. The Children in the Uchhabapali village are not able to study due to the loud noises of blasting and getting sudden shock and also many elderly people are getting breathless and senseless due to loud noises of blasting. He said that the lease of the stone quarry should cancelled then only people of Uchhabapali will be able to live peacefully manner. He cited the incident about a road accident of a child who was going somewhere and was hit by a heavy vehicle. He further stated that any kind of lease given to the unit will create many problems for the people of Uchhabapali village</p>

3.	<p><u>Sri Suresh Behera, Uchhabapali:</u></p> <p>He expressed his dissatisfaction and stated that the natural environment and beauty in the village has been deteriorated due to blasting in the area. The study of children in the school getting disturbed due to loud noises of blasting. The Pregnant Women having problems in child birth due to blasting and the new-born babies are having more complications. He stated that nearby Stone Crusher should be closed in order to save the people of Uchhabapali village.</p>
4.	<p><u>Sri Chudamani Patra, Uchhabapali:</u></p> <p>He opposed the proposed project. The unit will create approximately 75 feet or around 25 m holes for blasting in the mine and filled gel in the hole and will do blasting for 3 hours which creates the life of people in Uchhabapali is getting disturbed severely and many people are getting restless and senseless. The transportation of materials with trucks in the roads create normal life get disturbed. The forests are getting destroyed due to mining activities. The villagers are threatened by the mine authorities' people when they are complaining against the blasting and other activities in the quarry and stone crusher. They also informed that there is no prior announcement made about how many feet blasting will be done, and there is no prior warning about the blasting to the villagers. Many times blasting is carried out during night time which is causing disturbance to people and people are getting injured. They expressed their dissatisfaction and request to close the Quarry/Crusher then only they can able to live peacefully. . .</p>
5.	<p><u>Saroj Kumar Patra, Uchhabapali:</u></p> <p>He stated that the blasting in the stone quarries is of very high intensity. When blasting is done almost 300 numbers of blasting are done continuously. This is creating an earthquake like situation in nearby areas. The nearby forests are getting destroyed and the surroundings and environment are getting severely affected. The road conditions will damaged within 6 months and filled with completely fine dust. The dust is making the life difficult in nearby areas and create air pollution. The smell of Gunpowder also making the life difficult in nearby areas.</p>
6.	<p><u>Sri Anirudha Pradhan, Uchhabapali:</u></p> <p>He opposed the proposed project. He expressed that due to operation of the</p>

	<p>mine the road conditions will be damaged within 3 months of operation of mine due to continuous transportation of heavy vehicles. The Health Care services, Emergency and Ambulance service are getting delayed due to the bad road conditions in the village. The mine authorities have not taken any water sprinkling facilities in the road for suppression of road dust. Uchhabapali is a small village and mostly people are working as farmers. The road conditions of Uchhabapali village are not good. The elderly people are getting heart failure, senselessness, breathlessness due to blasting in the stone quarry. The pregnant women are getting problems due to blasting and the mine authorities do not take any environmental protection measures. These environmental protection measures are written only in paper and they are not actually being practiced by the quarry/crusher authorities. There is a lack of education among the people of Uchhabapali village due to a lack of road connectivity in that area.</p>
7.	<p><u>Sri Biswaji Bhoi, Sargad:</u> He supported the proposed project. People of this area are migrating to different states for their livelihood. The operation of these quarries will provide many jobs and a good livelihoods.</p>
8.	<p><u>Sri Roshan Seth, Sargad:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. Earlier, the people of this area are migrating to different states for their labor work. The operation of these quarries will provide many jobs and a good livelihoods and also income of their families' member progressing.</p>
9.	<p><u>Sri Bhikari Sandha, Uchhabapali:</u> How Sargad people supporting the stone quarries cluster and stone crusher? He further stated that why Sargad people migrating to different states for their labor work and why their ancestors not kept them any land for working? The mine and crusher are operating in the lands owned by me, which facing lot of difficulties due to operation of Mines and crusher.</p>
10.	<p><u>Sri Bidyadhar Pradhan, Uchhabapali:</u> He stated that the many people of Uchhabapali have no voter card, ration card etc. and they are not getting facilities from Government. The road conditions in Uchhabapali villages are not good. There is also a major problem for the students studying in the school due to blasting and pollution problem in the area.</p>

11.	<p><u>Sri Keshab Pradhan, Sargad:</u> He supported the proposed project. He stated that on operations of quarries there has been some development occurs within 30 years in the nearby areas. The people from other places are coming to this area and living nearby Uchhabapali and Sargad. Villages for their livelihood purposes.</p>
12.	<p><u>Sri Hiralal Sai, Sargad</u> He expressed his dissatisfaction and stated that What kind of development has happened to this area due to operation of the crusher/quarry? This thing should clarify the authority of crusher and Mines.</p>
13.	<p><u>Sri Khageswar Bag, Raghupadar:</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He stated that he was a Sarpanch in this area 10 years ago. At present working in the stone crusher and if the crusher closed then he will lose his livelihood and will face many problems.</p>
14.	<p><u>Sri Motilal Sai, Sargad</u> He expressed his support for the proposed project. He appreciated the Government and administrations are doing a public hearing for hearing about the different opinions of local people. He stated that public hearing will definitely benefits the local people for operation of mines and crusher. The economic development of the local people enhance after running the Mines. If the mines and crusher not given clearance for operation then almost 1000 persons will lose their livelihood. The Mines and Stone crusher should operate with abiding laws and regulations of government.</p>
15.	<p><u>Sri Gopinath Chhatriya, Uchhabapali.</u> He opposed the proposed project. He said that the owner of the Crusher and Mines are doing immorality work and earning money only. They are not abiding any Rules and Regulations prescribed by Government.</p>
16.	<p><u>Sri Murali Patra ,Uchhabapali.</u> He stated about different problems associated in operations of the stone quarries or stone crushers. They are doing farming in their own land the crusher/quarry people are coming and threatening them to go away from that place. There is no proper announcement by the Mines authority before the blasting procedure adopted by the unit. The people are not able to work in their own land. He stated that why so much pressure will give to the villagers for operation of the mine?</p>

17.	<u>Smt Padma Pradhan, Uchhabapali. President of Maa Durga SHG group</u> She expressed her dissatisfaction and stated that the environment in the village has been deteriorated due to operation of stone quarries and stone crushers. She further stated that blasting is creating problems for children in the villages. There is also severe air pollution due to Blasting in that area and transportation of many vehicles destroying the roads of the villages. She said that due to mining activities there will be deforestation in this area, which will affect the local villages. She further stated that there should not be given further lease to the mines owner.
18.	<u>Sri Debabrata Biswal, Uchhabapali</u> He stated that the blasting in the stone quarries is of very high intensity and work almost 24 hours a day. He further stated the operation of quarries should be stopped totally
19.	<u>Smt. Basudha Rout, Uchhabapali</u> She stated the operation of quarries and crusher should be stopped totally. The houses in Uchhabapali are getting cracks and getting destroyed due to blasting nearby.
20.	<u>Sri Bholanath Patra, Uchhabapali</u> He expressed his dissatisfaction and stated that no one from Uchhabapali village is supporting the stone quarry and crusher. Only people from Sargad are supporting the operation of said mines and crusher.

During public hearing meeting about 52 nos. of written statement have been received from the participants.

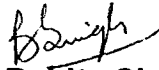
Summary of the points raised by the participants in the public hearing are being read out by the Regional Officer and same in English and Odia (vernacular language) is enclosed as ***Annexure-V (A & B)***.

After the completion of the deliberation process the Addl. District Magistrate, invited Sri Narayan Chandra Nayak, Odisha Head Green Circle, INC, Vadodara on behalf of M/s. Uchhabapali Stone Quarry No.1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 (under Cluster approach) also give a brief note on the issues related to the demand and grievances of the participants raised in the public hearing meeting.

On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Narayan Chandra Nayak, Odisha Head Green Circle, INC, Vadodara has responded on the issues raised by the participants during public hearing. Same in English and Odia (vernacular language) are also given in ***Annexure-VI (A & B)***. The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing is enclosed as Compact Disc (CD).

After the above-mentioned deliberation, the Addl. District Magistrate has announced the completion of public hearing over the proposed project and the Regional Officer has proposed the vote of thanks to the Chair as well as to the Participants present during the public hearing.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

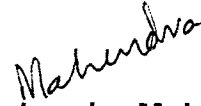


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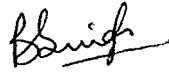


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1. The Project Proponent should clarify the precautions to be taken for controlling blasting in the stone quarry.
2. The road related issues which will be damaged due to movement of vehicles used in the proposed project.



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POINT WISE REPLY OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT AGAINST THE ISSUES RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING OF UCHHABAPALI STONE QUARRY NO. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 & 8 (UNDER CLUSTER APPROACH) OVER AN AREA OF 28.680 HA IN VILLAGE UCHHABAPALI UNDER LOISINGHA TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON DTD. 18.10.2022 AT 11.00 A.M IN VILLAGE UCHHABAPALI UNDER LOISINGHA TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT

1. The Project Proponent has assured to operate the stone quarry and carry out the blasting as per the Government guidelines.
2. The Project Proponent has committed to address the issues raised by the public after operation of the proposed project.

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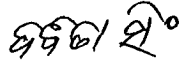
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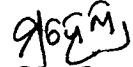


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