

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMBADAHARA STONE QUARRY OVER AN AREA OF 6.0 HA AT VILLAGE AMBADAHARA UNDER BANSPAL TAHASIL OF KEONJHAR DISTRICT HELD ON 09.11.2022 AT 11.00 AM AT VILLAGE AMBADAHARA KHATA NO. 41(AJA), PLOT NO. 428, KISSAM-BIALI, TOTAL AREA 0.51, PROPOSED AREA- 0.1014 HA IN THE KEONJHAR DISTRICT.

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 09.11.2022 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 announced in Public Address System in nearby villages of proposed project site and also 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.

Sri Jadumani Mahala, OAS (SAG), Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Keonjhar presided over and supervised the public hearing. He briefed about the importance and objectives of such hearing and invited the project proponent to highlight on proposed project.

Sri Swapan Kumar Sahoo, Tahasildar, Banspal, 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 Dutia Mahakud, Jaladihi

Sri Mahakud while supporting the public hearing stated that the said quarry was closed since 5 years in which 60-70 people were working. Once this quarry will start again, they can manage their livelihood, as they don't have any land property for cultivation or any alternative source of income.

2. Sri Dinabandhu Mahakud, Jaladihi

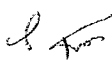
Sri Mahakud expressed his happiness for organizing this public hearing and supported the proposed stone quarry. He stated that this quarry was running before 5 years and 60-70 persons were engaged and managed their livelihood. Due to closure of the quarry, the people are in trouble now. Once this quarry starts again, they can manage their livelihood, as they don't have any land property for cultivation because this a hilly region.

3. Sri Kshetrabasi Dehury, Ambodahara

Sri Dehury while supporting the public hearing expressed his happiness that the quarry is going to start again.

4. Sri Rohit Mahakud, Jaladihi

Sri Mahakud welcomed the proposed stone quarry and at the same time he supported the public hearing.



5. Sri Baikuntha Behera, Ichinda

Sri Behera while supporting the public hearing said that he was hopeful that there will be economical prosperity of the people of their area once this quarry starts.

6. Sri Tuna Mahakud, Jaldihi

Sri Mahakud while supporting the public hearing stated that the proposed stone quarry should start so that people will be benefitted.

7. Sri Srikanta Mahakud, Jaldihi

Sri Mahakud supported the public hearing and given his consent to start the proposed stone quarry.

8. Sri Sarat Dehury, Ambadahara

Sri Dehury supported the public hearing and given his consent to start the proposed stone quarry.

9. Sri Srikanta Behera, Ichinda

Sri Behera while supporting the public hearing stated that the people will be engaged and benefitted if this proposed quarry will start.

10. Sri Gautam Puhan, Talakainsari

Sri Puhan while supporting the public hearing said that he was hopeful that people who were migrated to different places in search of jobs to manage their livelihood can be engaged at their own area when this quarry will start again.

11. Sri Bhagabata Ghana, Jaladihi

Sri Ghana while supporting the public hearing said he is hopeful that the proposed quarry will start once again.

12. Sri Pitambar Dehury, Ambadahara

Sri Dehury while supporting the public hearing expressed his happiness that the proposed stone quarry will start again.

13. Sri Giridhari Dehury, Ambadahara

Sri Dehury stated that earlier the stone quarry was in operation and in future also this quarry would run. So he supported the public hearing.

14. Sri Rabindra Mahata, Ward Member, Ward No. 1, Talakainsari

Sri Mahata said that as everybody supported the public hearing he has also full support for the public hearing.

15. Sri Jadumani Ghana, Jaladihi

Sri Ghana supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.



16. Sri Saheb Dehury, Ambadahara

Sri Dehury while supporting the Public hearing requested to start the stone quarry and provide employment to the locals.

17. Sri Pranabandhu Mahakud, Jaldihi

Sri Mahakud supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

18. Sri Santosh Ghana, Jaldihi

Sri Ghana supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

19. Sri Amar Mahakud, Jaldihi

Sri Amar supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

20. Sri Mansingh Munda, Ambadahara

Sri Munda supported the public hearing and hoped that the proposed stone quarry will start.

21. Sri Vimsen Mahakud, Ambadahara

Sri Mahakud supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

22. Sri Judhistira Barik, Jaldihi

Sri Barik while supporting the public hearing expressed his happiness for starting of the quarry so that some people will be benefitted.

23. Sri Babuli Barik, Ichinda

Sri Barik supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

24. Sri Lulu Munda, Jaldihi

Sri Munda supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

25. Sri Suresh Kumar Mahakud, Jaladihi

Sri Kumar supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

26. Sri Trilochan Mahakud, Jaladihi

Sri Mahakud supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

27. Sri Charan Dehury, Ambadahara

Sri Dehury supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

28. Sri Maheswar Mahakud, Jaladihi

Sri Mahakud supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

29. Sri Sanjay Mahakud, Jaladihi

Sri Sanjay supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry so that everybody will be benefitted.



30. Sri Hemanta Kumar Dehury, Ambadahara

Sri Kumar supported the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

31. Smt. Surati Dehury, Ward Member, Ambadahara

Smt. Dehury while supporting the public hearing requested to start the stone quarry again as it was closed.

32. Smt. Bharati Munda, Ward Member, Jaldihi

Smt. Munda in her address stated that the people faced lots of difficulties when the stone quarry was in operation for previous 5 years. She knew the problem as she is a ward member of that area where crusher was installed. During blasting the flying stones and chips were falling close to their houses. Due to mining activities and running of stone crusher round the clock, huge quantity of dust was generated which was falling on their foodstuffs and drinking water. No measures were taken to resolve their issues. She gave a written memorandum to the administration during the public hearing process which she read out over there and requested to fulfill their demands so that everybody will be ever grateful. If their demands are fulfilled, she has no objection for starting the stone quarry. The grievances are as follows:

- Requested to provide employment to the locals.
- Monthly rent to be paid to the people who are residing adjacent to the leasehold area through mutual understanding and consent.
- Due to blasting their house have damaged. There are possibilities of loss of lives of their cattle while they are at nearby jungle for grazing. There is threat to the lives of the human being for which they are very much scared. Hence, she requested not to give permission for blasting.
- She requested to provide 5 Nos. of bore well as ground water level of that area has depleted considerably.
- She alleged that the previous lessee excavated the stone quarry beyond the permissible limit and did not fill the mined out area. As a result, huge quantity of water is deposited in the pit and 60% of their area has become completely submerged. So she requested to drain out the deposited water and fill the pit and respite them from this trouble.

33. Sri Surendra Mahakud, Jaladihi

Sri Mahakud welcomed the gatherings of the public hearing and requested to start the stone quarry.

34. Sri Ankura Mahakud, Jaldihi

Sri Ankura while supporting the public hearing stated that earlier the stone quarry was in operation and in future also this quarry should run so that people will be benefitted.

35. Sri Gouranga Pradhan, Ambadahara

Sri Pradhan while supporting the public hearing stated that earlier the stone quarry was in operation and in future also this quarry should run.

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36. Sri Prafulla Mahakud, Jaldihi

Sri Mahakud while supporting the public hearing requested to start the stone quarry.

37. Sri Kabiraj Dehury, Nitigotha

Sri Dehury supported the public hearing.

38. Sri Kuna Pradhan, Ichinda

Sri Pradhan while supporting the public hearing expressed his happiness and stated that people will be benefitted once this stone quarry starts.

39. Sri Panu Mahakud, Talakainsari

Sri Mahakud while supporting the public hearing welcome the proposed stone quarry.

40. Sri Sukra Behera, Uparkaisari

Sri Behera while supporting the public hearing said that he is hopeful that people would be benefitted once this quarry starts.

41. Sri Gananath Nayak, Talakainsari

Sri Nayak while supporting the public hearing welcome the proposed stone quarry.

42. Sri Duryodhan Dehury, Nitigotha

Sri Dehury while supporting the public hearing had given his consent to start the stone quarry.

43. Smt. Bina Munda, Ambadahara

Smt. Munda opposed the proposed stone quarry. She opposed the public hearing because they are in trouble due to dust.

44. Sri Maheswar Patra, Talakainsari

Sri Patra while supporting the public hearing had given his consent to start the stone quarry.

45. Sri Maheswar Barik, Jaldihi

Sri Barik while supporting the public hearing had given his consent to start the stone quarry.

46. Sri Raghunath Ghana, Jaldihi

Sri Ghana while supporting the public hearing had given his consent to start the stone quarry.

47. Sri Arun Barik, Zilla Parishad, Zone-25, Suakathi, Banspal

Sri Barik in his address to the audience stated that Government of Odisha has been doing several developmental jobs like Keonjhar Medical College, Railway, Roads etc. for which stone and chips are essential. This proposed stone quarry will be helpful for the ongoing development Government projects. He is hopeful that Government would pay attention to the environment issues once this quarry starts.

48. Smt. Sulochana Ghana, Jaldihi

Smt. Sulochana while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

49. Smt. Mami Mahakud, Jaldihi

Smt. Mami while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

50. Smt. Tikili Mahakud, Jaldihi

Smt. Mahakud while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

51. Smt. Padmini Mahakud, Jaldihi

Smt. Padmini while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

52. Smt. Urmila Mahakud, Jaldihi

Smt. Urmila while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

53. Smt. Jemamani Mahakud, Jaldihi

Smt. Mahakud while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

54. Smt. Sulo Mahakud, Jaldihi

Smt. Sulo while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

55. Smt. Basanti Mahakud, Naib Sarpanch, Talakainsari

Smt. Basanti while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

56. Smt. Sulochana Mahakud, Jaldihi

Smt. Sulochana while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

57. Smt. Ranjita Ghana, Jaldihi

Smt. Ghana while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

58. Smt. Rajani Munda, Jaladihi

Smt. Rajani Munda while opposing the public hearing stated that people faced lots of difficulties due to previous stone quarry mining. So she demanded to stop the proposed stone quarry operation. She refused to sign in Deliberator List.

59. Sri Manas Kumar Dehury, Chairperson, Banspal Block

Sri Dehury while supporting the public hearing stated that the residents of all the Panchayat are very happy to know that after a gap of 5 years the proposed stone quarry is going to open. At the same time, he requested administration to give attention for minimizing dust, maintaining

the road and follow safe mining activities so that there will be no threat to the human lives and their cattle too.

60. Sri Monglu Munda, Jaldihi

Sri Munda stated that he belongs to Adivasi community so he demanded to bring the woman speaker from their community from Adivasi Munda Sahi to this function and give them opportunity to express their views. Further, he informed that the previous lessee did not fulfil their requirements and harassed them a lot. So, he demanded not to give permission to the proposed stone quarry operation. He refused to sign in Deliberator List.

61. Smt. Sukuntala Dehury, Sarpanch, Talakainsari

Sri Dehury while supporting the public hearing stated as a result of starting of the stone quarry many developmental jobs like road, Government buildings, railway etc. can be undertaken. So she informed that each and every person of every village wants that this proposed stone quarry should run, hence she decided to support the public hearing.

62. Smt. Basanti Behera, PS Member, Talakainsari

Smt. Behera while supporting the public hearing informed that people of their Panchayat would be benefitted for construction of their houses under Biju Pucca Ghara by Odisha Government & maintenance of roads of their Panchayat area. People will not suffer due to shortage of chips and stone.

63. Sri Jadumani Dehury, Ward Member, Nitigotha & Other villagers of Talakainsari

Sri Dehury himself along with other local youth from different villages of Talakainsari Panchayat welcomed the proposed stone quarry which was closed since long and supported the public hearing. He told that chips and stone can be available due this proposed operations.

64. Smt. Golapa Munda, Jaldihi

Smt. Golapo while supporting the public hearing had given her consent to start the stone quarry.

65. Sri Jagannath Barik, Jaldihi

Sri Barik while supporting the public hearing had given his consent to start the stone quarry.

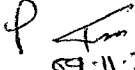
66. Sri Babuli Munda, Husband of Ward Member, Jaldihi

Sri Munda suggested to fulfil their demand and said that the stone quarry should operate with proper guidelines so that people will not face any difficulties. Whosoever operates the quarry be it Government or contractor they need to keep in mind the expectations of the people. He said that has no objection if the stone quarry runs with the aforesaid conditions and fulfill whatever demand given in writing by the Ward Member.

The Regional Officer, SPCB, Keonjhar read over the issues raised by the public in the hearing. Sri Swapan Kumar Sahoo, Tahasildar, Banspal, Project Proponent responded to the issues raised. Sri Jadumani Mahala, OAS (SAG), Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), 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. Two numbers of written representations received during public hearing is annexed as Annexure-V (a & b). The videography of proceedings are recorded and submitted as DVD (I).

Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.


09.11.2022

Er P Kar
Regional Officer
State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar


9/11/22

Sri. Jadumani Mahala, OAS
Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar

STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND RESPONSE OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT OF AMBADAHARA STONE QUARRY OVER AN AREA OF 6.0 HA AT VILLAGE AMBADAHARA UNDER BANSPAL TAHASIL OF KEONJHAR DISTRICT HELD ON 09.11.2022 AT 11.00 AM AT VILLAGE AMBADAHARA KHATA NO. 41(AJA), PLOT NO. 428, KISSAM-BIALI, TOTAL AREA 0.51, PROPOSED AREA- 0.1014 HA. IN THE KEONJHAR DISTRICT

Sl No.	Issues raised	Response of Project Proponent
Environmental Issues:		
1.	Adverse impact on nearby houses due to blasting.	There is no human settlement or house within five hundred meters (500 meters) radius of the proposed Ambadahara stone quarry. Controlled explosions will be practiced by making small holes to avoid damage due to explosions. So there is no possibility of any damage to the house.
2.	Dust nuisance in surroundings affecting public due to quarrying activities and transportation.	Wet drilling will be practiced. Regular sprinkling of water will be done to avoid dust and plenty of trees will be planted around the area.
3.	Depletion of ground water leading to water scarcity.	Proposed quarrying activities of Ambadahara stone quarry will not intersect the ground water table. There is least chance of impact on ground water regime.
4.	Dewatering of mine pit & reclamation.	The quarrying activity will not intersect the ground table. So, there is no chance of dewatering. However, the accumulated rain water will be pumped out and utilized for dust suppression and water sprinkling purpose in and outside the lease area.
5.	Operation of stone quarry as per the Govt. norms.	Operation of stone quarry will be carried out as per the Govt. norms.
Peripheral Issues:		
1.	Employment of locals for livelihood.	Local people as far as possible shall be employed as per their qualification and experience.
2.	Compensation for their damage of agricultural land, houses due to quarrying activities.	The proposed quarrying will be carried out within the limits prescribed by the government, so that there is no risk of affecting any building or agricultural area. If the land is affected then remedial measures or compensation will be given as per the advice of representatives of local people and local administration.
3.	Provision of five nos. of bore wells to meet their water demand.	Five nos. of bore wells will be done to meet water demand of the area.

Signature with seal
of Project Proponent
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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. 18152/INDA-PP-984

Date: 28.09.2022

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that The Tahasildar Banspal has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Ambadaha Stone Quarry over an area of 6.0 Ha in village Ambadaha under Banspal Tehsil of Keonjhar district to obtain Environmental Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha. The proposal has applied to the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for Public Hearing.

By virtue of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. SO. 1543 (E) Dt. 12.02.2006 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 sites and displacement sites likely to be affected.

For the above purpose, a person will qualify if:

- A. Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- B. Any person who owns title control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- C. Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and/or functioning in the field of environment.
- D. Any local authority within any part of whose limit 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 09-11-2022 at 11.00 A.M. at Mouza-Ambadaha (Khata No.41(AJA), Plot No.428, Total Area - 0.5100 Ha, Proposed area 0.1000 Ha, KISSAM BIALI) under Banspal Tehsil of Keonjhar district.

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 also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website www.ospcboard.org free of cost.

1. District Collector's Office, Keonjhar.
2. District Industries Center, Keonjhar.
3. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Keonjhar.
4. In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-12.
5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Keonjhar.
6. Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

For any further clarification in the matter, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar or the Member, Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha at Bhubaneswar may be contacted.

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