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PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR JAHADA SAND QUARRY OVER THE MINING LEASE AREA OF 7.603 HA FOR PRODUCTION OF ORDINARY SAND: 11,000 CUM/ANNUM UNDER DHARAKOTE TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM, HELD ON 05.01.2023 AT 11.00 AM ADJACENT TO GRAM PANCHAYAT BUILDING (OVER PLOT NO. 4620 IN KHATA NO. 859) IN MOUZA JAHADA UNDER DHARAKOTE TAHASIL OF GANJAM DISTRICT

At the outset, Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur welcomed all the persons assembled in the hearing. He briefed about the EIA Notification, 2006 and the objectives of the public hearing. He stated that Tahasildar, Dharakote has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for Jahada Sand Quarry over mining lease area of 7.603 ha. for production of Ordinary Sand @ 11,000 cum/Annum in Jahada village under Dharakote Tahasil of District Ganjam and has applied to obtain Environmental Clearance and carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study.

Publicity regarding public hearing was made in the following manner -

- Advertisements through an Odia Daily "The Pragatibadi" dated 01.12.2022 and an English Daily "The Times of India" dated 01.12.2022 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and Executive Summaries (Odia & English) in the office of the Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Ganjam, District Industries Centre(DIC), Ganjam, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam, Head Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar, Regional Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha and also in the website of State Pollution Control Board. Bhubaneswar (www.ospcboard.org).
- Executive summaries along with paper clippings regarding date, time, and venue of public hearing were made available to the Jahada Gram Panchayat, Singipur Gram Panchayat, Baradabilli Gram Panchayat, Jagamohan Gram Panchayat, Jharapari Gram Panchayat, Jhadabandha Gram Panchayat, Dharakote Gram Panchayat and the Block Development Office, Dharakote, in the Dist. of Ganjam.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur requested the audience to give their opinions orally, written or in both, based on the Environmental aspects. Then he requested the Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate. Bhanjanagar to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhanjanagar, welcomed the people for attending the hearing with a message to the audience that they should give their comments based on the Environment related aspects. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking Environmental Clearance. Then he asked Project Proponent to brief about the project.

Sri Deba Choudhury, representative of project proponent presented the salient features of the proposed Jahada Sand Quarry, the present status of the environmental conditions, possible impact on the environment due to such activities and the remedial measures to be undertaken by the lessee to reduce the impact while executing the project in Odia language.

The Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhanjanagar, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. About 45 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, only 29 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 07 persons participated in the oral deliberation and signed in the oral deliberator's sheet. No written representations were received in the hearing. The attendance sheets and the Deliberator sheets are enclosed as Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

The statements recorded are as follows:

1. Sri Rabindra Ghosh, At- Dharakote, Ganjam

He has highlighted/demanded the followings:

- a) Scarcity of sand in the locality.
- b) Welcome step taken by the Government for operationalization of the sources.
 - c) People will get sand supply at a cheaper rate.
 - d) The construction activities will be expedited due to sand mining in the locality.

2. Sri Dillip Kumar Swain, At- Dharakote, Ganjam

He has highlighted/demanded the followings:

a) Supports the views of the previous speaker and also supports this mining project for easy availability of sand.

3. Sri Ganesh Swain, At-Jahada, Ganjam

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Development works are getting hampered due to scarcity of sand as mine was not in operation since last one year.
- b) Sand mining at the locality will resolve issues of high price of sand and at the same time construction activities and Government development works in the locality will be expedited.

4. Sri Jogendra Gouda, At- Panibandha, Ganjam.

He stated that sand mining at the locality will expedite developmental works of the area such as road construction, temple development etc.

5. Sri Satyabadi Swain, Sarpanch, At- Jahada, Ganjam

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings

- a) People are suffering due to scarcity of sand since last one year.
- b) Mining should be carried out by abiding Government guidelines.
- c) Appeal to the public to support this project.

6. Sri Sailendra Narayan Swain, At-Jahada, Ganjam

He stated the followings:

- a) People are suffering due to scarcity of sand since last one year.
- b) Appeal to the public to support this project so that sand will be available at cheaper rate to poor villagers and beneficiaries of Indira Awas Yojana and Biju Pakka Ghara Yojana etc.
- c) Everyone will be benefitted from this project.

7. Sri Dayanidhi Swain, At-Jahada, Ganjam

He has demanded that the lessee shall supply sand for development of Ram Mandir located in the village.

Further the Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhanjanagar and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public and requested to the Project Proponent of Jahada Sand Quarry to address the issues raised by the local public. Sri Pradeep Kumar Dora, Successful bidder of Jahada Sand Quarry addressed the apprehensions raised by the public.

Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by the oral deliberators. The minutes of the public hearing were prepared which has been ratified by Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Bhanjanagar with the views and concerns of the deliberators. The video recording of the entire public hearing is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of the project proponent, prepared in Odia and English Language are annexed as Annexure-III and Annexure-IV separately.

The public hearing was ended with vote of thanks by the chair.

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Annexure-III

ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣିରେ ଉପସ୍ଥାପିତ ଆଲୋଚ୍ୟ ବିଷୟର ବିବୃତ୍ତି

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9)	କ) ଜନ ଶୁଣାଣିରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଅଧିକାଂଶ ଜନସାଧାରଣ ଏହି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପକୁ ସମର୍ଥନ କରିଥିଲେ ଖ) ଖଣି ଖନନ ହେତୁ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଅଞ୍ଚଳରେ ବାଲି ଉପଲବ୍ଧତା ଖ) ସମସ୍ତ ସରକାରୀ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ପାଳନ କରି ଖଣି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯିବା ଉଚିତ୍ ଗ) ଗାଁରେ ରାମ ମନ୍ଦିରର ବିକାଶ ପାଇଁ ବାଲି ଯୋଗାଣ ଘ) ବାଲି ଖନନ ଯୋଗୁଁ ନିର୍ମାଣ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଏବଂ ବିକାଶ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ତ୍ୱରାବ୍ୱିତ ହେବ	ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରୟାବକ ନିମ୍ନଲିଖିତ ପ୍ରତିଶୃତି ଦେଇଛନ୍ତି : କ) ସରକାରୀ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶାବଳୀ ପାଳନ କରି ଖଣି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯିବ ଖ) ରାମ ମନ୍ଦିରର ବିକାଶ ପାଇଁ ସାହାଯ୍ୟ କରିବେ ଗ) ବେଆଇନ ବାଲି ଚୋରି ବନ୍ଦ କରିବା ପାଇଁ ସଜାଗ ରହିବାକୁ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ ନିବେଦନ କରାଯାଉଛି, ଯାହାହ୍ୱାରା ଶୟା ମୂଲ୍ୟରେ ବାଲି ଉପଲବ୍ଧ କରାଯାଇପାରିବ

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Annexure-IV.

STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

SL. NO.	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF SRI PRADEEP KUMAR DORA, SUCCESSFUL BIDDER OF JAHADA SAND QUARRY UNDER DHARAKOTE TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM.
1.	a) Most of the public present at the public hearing supported this project. b) Availability of sand at the locality due to mining. c) Mining should be carried out by abiding all Government guidelines. d) Supply of sand for development of Ram Mandir in village. d) Construction works and development works will be expedited due to sand mining.	 Sri Pradeep Kumar Dora has assured following: a) Mining will be carried out by abiding Government guidelines. b) He will assist for development of Ram Mandir. c) Appealed to the public to be vigilant to stop illegal theft of sand so that sand will be available to them at cheaper price.

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