

**PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR CHHOTARAYPUR MORRUM QUARRY OVER THE
MINING LEASE AREA OF 11.0985 HA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MORRUM: 5,600
CUM/ANNUM AT CHHOTARAYPUR VILLAGE, DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF
DISTRICT GANJAM, HELD ON 22.03.2023 AT 11.00 AM AT RAJIB GANDHI SEVA
KENDRA, CHHOTARAYPUR IN PLOT NO. 1286, KHATA NO. 482, UNDER
DIGAPAHANDI 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, the Project Proponent has proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for Chhotaraypur Morrur Quarry over mining lease area of 11.0985 ha. for production of Morrur @ 5,600 cum/Annum in Chhotaraypur village, Digapahandi Tahasil of District Ganjam and has applied to obtain Environmental Clearance and carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study.

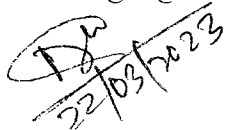
Publicity regarding public hearing was made in the following manner --

- Advertisements through an Odia Daily "The Prameya" dated 15.02.2023 and an English Daily "The Times of India" dated 15.02.2023 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 and 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 Sidheswar Gram Panchayat, Gokarnapur Gram Panchayat, Basudevpur Gram Panchayat, Kotinada Gram Panchayat & Block Development Office, Digapahandi in the Dist. of Ganjam.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking Environmental Clearance and 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, Berhampur, Ganjam to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur, Ganjam, 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. Then he asked Project Proponent to brief about the project.

Sri Debaprasad Choudhury, representative of project proponent presented the salient features of the proposed Chhotaraypur Morrur 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.


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The Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur, Ganjam, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environmental issues. More than 40 persons were present in the public hearing meeting. only 23 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 05 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 M. Shyamaghana, At - Basudevpur, Ganjam

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Supports this public hearing.
- b) Mining of morrum will create employment opportunities.
- c) Leveling of hillock due to morrum mining.

2. Sri Kankaralu Bhima, At- Basudevpur, Ganjam

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Mining in their area will provide employment for local people.
- b) They have no issue for this project.

3. Sri Palaseneya, At- Basudevpur, Ganjam

He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Mining in their village will provide local employment. The lessee shall employ at least 50 to 60 local villagers so that the problem of migration of labourers will be addressed.
- b) Environmental protection by the lessee.
- c) They have no objection for this mining project if the lessee will operate it as mentioned in EIA report.

4. Sri M. Santosh Kumar, At- Basudevpur, Ganjam.

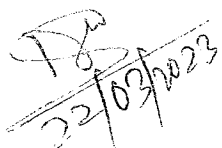
He has highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) They have no objection if the mining will be carried out according to EIA report and by abiding all rules.
- b) Poor people and migrant workers will be benefited as this project will generate employment.

5. Sri Niranjan Reddy, At- Chhotaraypur, Ganjam.

He has stated that poor villagers are deprived from various Government schemes.

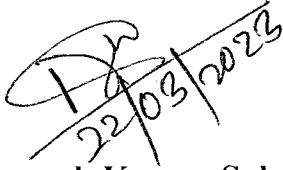
Further the Sub-Collector- cum- Sub – Divisional Magistrate, Berhampur, Ganjam and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public and requested to the Project Proponent of Chhotaraypur Morrum Quarry to address the issues raised by the local public. Sri K. Prasant Patra, representative of successful bidder of Chhotaraypur Morrum Quarry, addressed the apprehensions raised by the public.


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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, Berhampur, Ganjam, with the views and concerns of the deliberators. The video recording of the entire public hearing is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

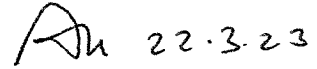
The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of the project proponent, prepared in Odia and English Language are annexed as **Annexure-III** and **Annexure-IV** separately.

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



(Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo)

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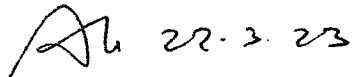
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Sub-Collector-cum-Sub-Divisional Magistrate,
Berhampur, Ganjam
(Presided and Supervised
the public Hearing meeting)

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STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING


SL. NO.	ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF PROJECT PROPONENT OF M/S. CHHOTARAYPUR MORRUM QUARRY AT CHHOTARAYPUR VILLAGE, DIGAPAHANDI TAHASIL OF DISTRICT GANJAM.
1.	a) Local employment. b) Environment protection. c) Mining shall be carried out by abiding Government Rules and as mentioned in EIA report.	Sri K. Prasant Patro, representative of successful bidder of Chhotaraypur Morrur Quarry has assured followings: a) They will undertake Mining by abiding Govt. guidelines and as per EIA report. b) They will address the issues as demanded. c) They will provide employment to local people.



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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

(Department of Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Odisha)
Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar-751012



No. 1977/IND-II-PH-1134

Date : 13.02.2023

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that Sri M. Ramahari Patro has proposed to have Environmental Assessment Chhotrayapur Morrum Quarry over an area of 11.0985 ha. in village Chhotrayapur under Digapahandi tahsil of Ganjam district to obtain Environmental Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Odisha. The proponent has applied to the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for a Public Hearing.

By virtue of Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India Notification No. S.O. 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006, 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 site sites of displacement / sites likely to be affected.

For the above purpose, a person will only mean:

- A. Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- B. Any person who owns his 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 project in writing or orally may also do so during the public hearing to be conducted on 22.03.2023 at 11.00 AM At Rajib Gandhi Seva Kendra situated over Plot No 1286, Khata No 482 in Village Chhotrayapur under Digapahandi Tahasil in Ganjam 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, Ganjam.
- 2. District Industries Center, Ganjam.
- 3. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ganjam.
- 4. In the Head office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakanthanagar, Unit -VIII, Bhubaneswar -12.
- 5. Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Berhampur.
- 6. Department of Forest & Environment (Environment), Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

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

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Member Secretary

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