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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S VEDANTA LTD FOR SIJIMALI BAUXITE MINE (AUCTIONED BLOCK) (AREA : 1549.022 HA) WITH PROPOSED BAUXITE PRODUCTION CAPACITY : 9.00 MTPA, TOP SOIL : 0.18 MTPA, WASTE : 7.40 MTPA & SUB-GRADE : 1.42 MTPA (TOTAL EXCAVATION : 18.00 MTPA) ALONG WITH INSTALLATION OF 2 CRUSHERS (2 X 1200 TPH) LOCATED AT TEHSILS THUAMUL RAMPUR & KASHIPUR, DISTRICTS : KALAHANDI & RAYAGADA (FOR RAYAGADA DISTRICT) HELD ON 16.10.2023 AT 10.00 AM AT TRINATH DEV HIGH SCHOOL, SUNGER, KASHIPUR TEHSIL, DISTRICT: RAYAGADA.

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held on 16.10.2023 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 Malipadar, Dumerpadar, Katibhata, Kutamal, Pelnakona, Aliguna, Bundel, Sagabadi & Banteji of Sunger GP for the Rayagada district under Kashipur Tehsil area of proposed project site and also published in Daily News Paper. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Sri Ashok Kumar Bhoi, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Rayagada welcomed the public to the hearing and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Sri Rameswar Pradhan, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Rayagada highlighted on importance of such hearing & presided over the public hearing.

Sri Hrudaya Ballav Pradhan on behalf of Sijimali Bauxite Mine of M/s Vedanta Ltd has explained about the proposed project and briefed about the Pollution Control measures to be adopted in the Project.

Before start of Public Hearing (PH), there was a gathering about 400 nos. of people from nearby villages at the PH venue. After that, few more people of about 600 nos. moved to the site and occupied their place. In total inside & outside the PH venue, there were about 1000 persons present. The attendance sheet of the persons present in the public hearing who placed their signature is attached. Other Govt Officers like SP, Rayagada, Sub-Collector, Rayagada, Tahsildar, Kashipur, BDO, Kashipur were also present during public hearing to maintain the law & order situation.

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, Rayagada.

1. Sri Kantilal Naik, Lakirishi village (Not coming under the list of affected villages)

Sri Naik said that they will never give Sijimali for Bauxite mining to Maitri Company (A Mining Raising Contractor of Vedanta Company) and also told that they are opposing this mining project at Sijimali of Vedanta Ltd. He expressed his sadness about the arrest of few local villagers by the Police without any guilt. He told that, they will allow the project only when Maitri Company CEO himself will come to their village for discussion and with no

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police force. He mentioned that they are struggling for their basic needs and their people remain hungry most of the days, indicating the livelihood condition of the existing villagers.

2. Smt Namita Majhi, Kantamal village

Smt Majhi said that they are completely depending on their village land which is the only livelihood and they will never give up their land for Sijimali Bauxite mining to Vedanta Company. She expressed her displeasure about the Police action to their local villagers without any guilt. She has expressed her concern about the pollution may take place during Mining. However she failed to provide any scientific explanation or evidence, to her claim.

3. Sri Kartika Naik, Banteji village

Sri Naik questioned about the number of streams emanating from the Sijimali as depicted by the Vedanta Authority during their project description. He told that Vedanta authority has placed fake fact on stream in this project. Sri Naik said that, instead of one stream, there are numbers of water stream & Nallas are emanating from the Silimali project area.

Sri Naik spoke that various types of water stream & Nallas emanating from the Silimali project area (i.e. Chauladhoba Nallah, Naragul Nallah, Panamunda Nallah, Dundapata Nallah, Naghulu Nadi, Ghudhughudnua Nadi, Sujingabandha Nallah & some other streams) will be adversely affected due to proposed mining activity. However, Sri Naik failed to provide the source of information regarding the above Nallahs/streams.

He told that, the proposed mining activity will adversely affect the survivability and life of around 73 types of trees exist in the project area, 21 types of grass, 32 types of Cheramuli, 20 types of Lata, 25 types of medicinal plants, 23 types of Mammals (Stana Paayee Praanee), 11 types of snakes, 53 types of amphibians (Ubhaya Char Pranee) and subsequently life of such flora & fauna will be in danger. However, Sri Naik failed to provide the source of information or any scientific evidence regarding the above claim on damage to flora & fauna. He added that they are opposing this mining project at Sijimali of Vedanta Ltd.

Sri Naik told that in total around 50 nos. of revenue villages of Rayagada & Kalahandi districts (i.e. Sargipadar, Kutamal, Mahajal, Chimrampadar, Tadadei, Nakarundi, Aampadar, Sunger, Bundel, Salebali, Aliguna, Malipadar village etc.) will be affected directly as well as indirectly due to the proposed Sijimali Mining project & that Vedanta has wrongly mentioned about 18 nos, of villages will be affected in the proposed project. However, Sri Naik failed to provide the source of his claim as to how 50 Revenue villages would be affected.

He said that their local tribal depend on jungle jami for getting different types of food & vegetable items such as Mandia, Makka, Jhudunga, Katinga, Biri, Kandula, Pasala, Kaaiyan, Chhatu, Baunsa Karadi, Kanda, Kherachana, Tomato etc. Due to such proposed mining, the Jal, Jungle & Jammi will be adversely affected and subsequently affect the livelihood of local tribal and they will have no option to go to outside state as Dadana Sharamika. He also stated the adverse impact of proposed mining on soil fertility of the cultivated land and subsequently affect the agriculture. However, Sri Naik failed to provide any scientific

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evidence of impact on soil fertility. He expressed his displeasure about the police action to their local villagers without any guilt.

4. Smt. Bharati Naik, Kantamal village

Smt Naik started her address with major concern about the development of the area and asked the District Administration, Collector & Tahsildar that how many times they have come to their village for discussion of their problem. She expressed her displeasure on conducting such public hearing of the Vedanta mines without arranging pallisabha in their village. However she failed to specify as per which law, a palli sabha is mandatory prior to public hearing.

Smt Naik spoke that various types of water stream & Nallas emanating from the Silimali project area will also be adversely affected due to proposed mining activity. She said that the proposed mining project will use more quantity of surface water for its activity which subsequently results in the scarcity of drinking water for local tribal as well as scarcity of water for agriculture use which likely to be affected the livelihood of local tribal. However she could not substantiate any of these claims scientifically.

She expressed her concern about the air & water pollution may take place during Mining. She also stated the adverse impact of proposed mining on soil fertility of the cultivated land and subsequently affect the agriculture. However, Smt. Naik failed to provide the scientific evidence of impact on soil fertility.

She questioned the authority about the peripheral development & local employment as per their eligibility in the nearby industries of Rayagada district.

She expressed her displeasure towards the Govt. and informed that the police administration is ruling them the way as British ruled the country in the past. She placed an example of failure of development in nearby village like Dwimundi, Karol & Kupakhal due to industry.

Smt Naik said that they are completely depending on their village land which is the only livelihood and they will never give up their land for Sijimali Bauxite mining to Vedanta Company.

She further added that, the proposed mining activity will also adversely affect the life of various types of animals & birds like Goat, Cow & Hen exist in the project area.

She also said that their local tribal depend on jungle jami for getting different types of crop items like Mandia & Rice. Due to such proposed mining project, their Jungle Jammi will be adversely affected and subsequently affect the livelihood of local tribal. She once again did not provide any evidence or source of her claims of adverse impact on cattle & livelihood.

5. Sri Labanya Naik, Banteji village

Sri Naik introduced himself as a Arts Graduate & a villager of Banteji and questioned the authority about the peripheral development & local employment as per their eligibility in the nearby industries like Utkal Alumina of Rayagada district.

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He expressed his displeasure about the police action on his brother without any guilt. He expressed his sadness towards the Govt. and informed that the police administration is ruling them the way as British ruled the country in the past.

Sri Naik highlighted on issues on proposed impact of mining related to air pollution and road dust pollution due to proposed Sijimali Bauxite mining activity and consequential health issues like respiratory problem to human being as well as to pregnant women. However, he failed to provide any scientific evidence for his claims.

He also said that their local tribal depend on jungle jami for getting different types of crop, vegetable & food items like Mandia, Makka, Jhudunga, Katinga, Biri, Rice, Kandula, Pasala, Kaaiyan, Chhatu, Baunsa Karadi, Kanda, Kherachana, Tomato etc. for their livelihood. Due to such proposed mining project, their Jungle Jammi will be adversely affected and subsequently affect the livelihood of local tribal and also affect the Millet (Mandia) Mission of Govt. However, he did not specify any source of such claims of adverse impact.

He finally questioned the Government that why the Jungle Jami Pattas have been provided to the poor local tribal people and in other hand proposed to displace the poor local people for the sake of Sijimali Bauxite Mine of M/s Vedanta Ltd.

6. Smt Kanchan Majhi, Kantamal village

Smt Majhi expressed her displeasure about the police action to their local tribal without any guilty. She narrated that Police Administration is giving protection to Vedanta Company instead of local tribal.

She stated that they are wearing the tribal weapons in their hand only as their ancient tradition and not to harm others and he also added that such traditional rights was given by the World Tribal Organization which was created by United Nations on 9th August 1953. She expressed her displeasure on conducting such public hearing of the Vedanta mines without arranging pallisabha in their village. She did not however, specify any law as per which palli sabha is mandatory before public hearing.

She also said that their local tribal depend on traditional weapons & on jungle jami for getting different types of crop, vegetable & food items like Mandia, Makka, Jhudunga, Katinga, Biri, Rice, Kandula, Pasala, Kaaiyan, Chhatu, Baunsa Karadi, Cheramuli, Kanda, Kherachana, Tomato etc. for their livelihood. Due to such proposed mining project, their Jungle Jammi for cultivation will be adversely affected and subsequently affect the livelihood of local tribal and also affect the animal life. However, Smt. Majhi failed to provide any scientific explanation for claim of adverse impact on cultivation.

She told that they will never give Sijimali for Bauxite mining to Vedanta Company. She told that if Vedanta Company will acquire their Sijimali land for mining purpose, they will face a lot of problem and loose their livelihood as they completely depend on Sijimali forest for their every need. However, the nature of their livelihood being dependent on Sijimali was not specified.

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7. Sri Padman Naik, Bundel village

Sri Naik expressed his greetings towards the District administration and Public gathered in the hearing. He expressed his concern regarding loss of rice crop farming and raised his voice on account of "why Politician are against farmer and support mining companies? He told that their mine is very costly, why to sell in very cheap price like 1500 Rs? He narrated a historical fact of Gandhiji "Do or Die", & they will also follow the same principle". He further expressed his concern against loss of land and livelihood due to mining and mentioned "When the company welcome in Kantamala village, Srinivas Rao, & Satya Narayan told them that they will not take their land and home, but He questioned Mythri and Vedanta, if mining happens, won't it affect their environment, water, air, soil, and agricultural lands? He also sang a song on protection of Sijimali & Katurumali addressing to Hon. Naveen Patnaik and Hon. Narendra Modi and raised slogan against Mythri Company, Police & Hon. Naveen Patnaik.

8. Smt. Munidei Majhi, Kantamal village

Smt Majhi said that, "their local tribal people fully depend upon the Sijimali forest for different forest items & foods like leafs, woods, fruits, flowers, Mandia, Makka, Jhudunga, Katinga, Biri, Rice, Kandula, Pasala, Kaaiyan, Chhatu, Baunsa Karadi, Cheramuli, Kanda, etc for their livelihood and agricultural needs. Their local tribal use forest wood as natural fuel for cooking purpose. Due to such proposed mining activity, the forest area will be affected and the local tribal will lose their source of income& livelihood".

She said that they worship the Sijimali and they will never give Sijimali for Bauxite mining to Vedanta Company. She told that if Vedanta Company will acquire their Sijimali land for mining purpose, they will face a lot of problem and loose their livelihood as they completely depend on forest for their every need and agriculture purpose. She also stated the adverse impact of proposed mining on soil fertility of the cultivated (jungle jami) land and subsequently affect the agriculture. However, Smt. Majhi failed to provide any scientific explanation or evidence of adverse impact on agriculture.

Smt. Majhi questioned about the number of streams emanating from the Sijimali and project area forest cover as depicted by the Vedanta Authority during their project description. He told that Vedanta authority has placed fake fact on stream & forest in this project. Smt Majhi said that, instead of one stream, there are numbers of water stream & Nallas are emanating from the Silimali project area and the project area contains a number of natural trees along with its surrounding area covered with reserved forest. However she did not provide any further information on these streams.

9. Sri Jitendra Naik, Kantamal village

Sri Naik expressed his concern regarding Police action, for Other Reasons and told that for establishment of Vedanta mines, the Authority should have to properly consult with the local villagers. He said that, most of their people are in jail, it will be good if public hearing would have been conducted after their release". He urged for the development of Kashipur block if mining company will come up in the Sijimali area.

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10. Sri Ananta Majhi, Sagabari village

Sri Majhi introduced himself as a final year student in BSc and started his speech by addressing Collector, BDO and other Administrative officers and Media persons. He said that No one is worried towards development of poor. He made allegation that All Govt department are sold. He raised his voice against Vedanta Company & told that "Vedanta/Mythri have purchased some of the villagers through mediators dalals. He further said that, there are mediators dalals among them because of which all these companies able to touch their land. He expressed that, Sijimali Doesn't belong to Vedanta, rather it belongs to them. He said that, those who are supporting company are getting, 10,000, 20,000, 30,000 but others getting 1,500 only. He further questioned to the Authority that, will they give them 30,000 if they support? He told that in this case If his brother supports the company, he will discard him. He said that the soil & water of Sijimali is the lifeline of local villagers. He appealed the villagers not to sacrifice everything for money and appealed for Saving their mother earth sijimali.

11. Sri Dibakar Sahu, Tikiri village (Not coming under the list of affected villages)

Sri Sahu expressed his concern regarding Police action for Other Reasons and mentioned that he was in Rayagada jail since last two months. He told that, he is here with high court order, He also requested to the administration to conduct the fresh Public Hearing after releasing his 22 brothers from jail. He told that they are opposing this mining project at Sijimali of Vedanta Ltd.

12. Sri Himda Majhi, Lakirishi village (Not coming under the list of affected villages)

He started with giving Thanks to all Media person and villagers present for Public Hearing. He expressed his concern regarding community engagement program & said that Dalals to be removed from village, then they will see the implementation of the Project.

13. Sri Tankadhar Naik, Banteji village

Sri Naik said that in 1995 while opposing to L&T company, they have burnt the L&T company's Camp, vehicle & everything and that time they have not allowed the L&T in their area. He expressed his concern regarding Police action for Other Reasons and mentioned that, Mythri company is treating as against them and putting them in Jail & Mythri with the help of police and torturing them.

He also stated that local tribal people are doing cultivation over hilltop and domestic animals are grazing at Sijimali. Sri Naik said that they are completely depending on the Sijimali land which is the only livelihood and they will never give up the land for Sijimali Bauxite mining to Vedanta Company. He failed to mention the nature of livelihood dependence on Sijimali.

He expressed his displeasure on conducting such public hearing of the Vedanta mines without arranging pallisabha in their village.

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He further added that, the proposed mining activity will also adversely affect the life of various types of wild animals exist in the project area, but failed to provide any explanation for same.

Sri Ashok Kumar Bhoi, Regional Officer, SPCB, Rayagada read over the issues specifically concerning environmental related raised by the public in the hearing and Sri Hrudaya Ballav Pradhan, Asst Manager, on behalf of Sijimali Bauxite Mine of M/s Vedanta Ltd. submitted a written statement on proposed action plan on the issues raised by the public for this Project.

Sri Rameswar Pradhan, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Rayagada has given concluding remarks on the hearing and elaborated the process to be followed for submission of the proceeding to the MoEF & CC for further action. He extended thanks to the public participated in the hearing for offering their views, suggestions and objections.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding written statement of the applicant in Odia and English 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.

Total Written representations 13 nos. from various villagers received during one month before the public hearing (1no. through Tahasil Office, Kashipur) and on the day of public hearing during public hearing (12nos.) which are found to be in favour of the proposed project is annexed as Annexure-V. The videography of proceeding is recorded and submitted as DVD (One number).

Hearing ended with thanks to the chair.

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02	ପାରମ୍ପାରିକ ଫସଲ, ଔଷଧୀୟ ଉଦ୍ଭିଦ, ଆଦିବାସୀ ମାନଙ୍କର ଜୀବିକା ଏବଂ ମୂଲ୍ୟବାନ ବୃକ୍ଷ ଧ୍ୱଂସ ହୋଇଯିବ	ଖଣି ଲିଜ୍ କ୍ଷେତ୍ର ପାହାଡ଼ ଉପରେ ଅବସ୍ଥିତ ସମୁଦାୟ ML କ୍ଷେତ୍ର ହେଉଛି 1549.022 ହେକ୍ଟର; ସେଥିମଧ୍ୟରୁ 127.87 ହେକ୍ଟର ଘରୋଇ ଜମି, 722.89 ହେକ୍ଟର ହେଉଛି ସରକାରୀ ଜମି, 699.65 ହେକ୍ଟର ହେଉଛି ରାଜସ୍ୱ ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଜମି. ଚେରମୂଳି, ଗୁଳ୍ମ ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ବ୍ୟତୀତ କୌଣସି ବଡ଼ ଗଛ କାଟିବା ଜଡ଼ିତ ନୁହେଁ ଆଦର୍ଶ / ନିୟମ / ନିୟମାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଖଣି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ କରାଯିବ ଏବଂ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଧାରିତ ମାନବଣ୍ଡ ମଧ୍ୟରେ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ ସ୍ତର କୁ ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣ କରାଯିବ
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04	ନିୟୋଜନ ବିଷୟରେ	ନିୟୋଜନ ପାଇଁ, ସେହି ଲୋକମାନଙ୍କୁ ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଦକ୍ଷତା ସ୍ତର ଏବଂ ଏହି ପଦବୀ ପାଇଁ ଆବଶ୍ୟକ କୌଶଳ ଉପରେ ଆଧାର କରି ଅଗ୍ରାଧିକାର ଦିଆଯିବ ଅଧିକତ୍ୱ, ପ୍ରଭାବିତ ଗ୍ରାମରୁ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀଙ୍କ ପାଇଁ କମ୍ପାନୀ କ୍ରମାଗତ ଭାବରେ ଦକ୍ଷତା ବିକାଶ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରିବ

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STATEMENT OF ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMENTS OF THE PROPONENT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S VEDANTA LTD FOR SIJIMALI BAUXITE MINE (AUCTIONED BLOCK) (AREA: 1549.022 HA) WITH PROPOSED BAUXITE PRODUCTION CAPACITY: 9.00 MTPA, TOP SOIL: 0.18 MTPA, WASTE: 7.40 MTPA & SUBGRADE: 1.42 MTPA; (TOTAL EXCAVATION: 18.00 MTPA) ALONG WITH INSTALLATION OF 2 CRUSHERS (2 X 1200 TPH) LOCATED AT TEHSILS: THUAMUL RAMPUR & KASHIPUR, DISTRICTS: KALAHANDI & RAYAGADA (FOR RAYAGADA DISTRICT) HELD ON 16.10.2023 AT 10.00 A.M. AT TRINATH DEV HIGH SCHOOL, SUNGER, KASHIPUR TEHSIL, DISTRICT-RAYAGADA.

Sl. No.	Issues raised by the public in Public Hearing	Response of the Project Proponent
01	Natural Nallaha coming out of the hill will be affected.	There is no nallah passing through the mine lease.
02	Traditional crops, Medicinal Plants, Livelihood of tribal and valuable trees will be destroyed.	Mining lease area located at hilly top. Total ML area is 1549.022 Ha; out of which 127.87 ha is Private Land, 722.89 ha is Govt. Land & 699.65 Ha is Revenue Forest Land. No major tree cutting is involved except herbs, shrubs etc. Mining will be done as per the norms/Rules/Regulations and pollution level will be maintained within the prescribed norms.
03	Health issues due to a) Air Pollution b) Water Pollution	Mining will be done as per the Norms/Rules/Regulations and pollution level will be maintained within the prescribed norms. Regular health check-up will be done as per the prescribed norms.
04	Regarding Employment	On employment, preference will be given to those people based on their skill level and required skill for the position. Moreover, the Company will be undertaking skilling programs constantly for the local villagers from the impacted villages.

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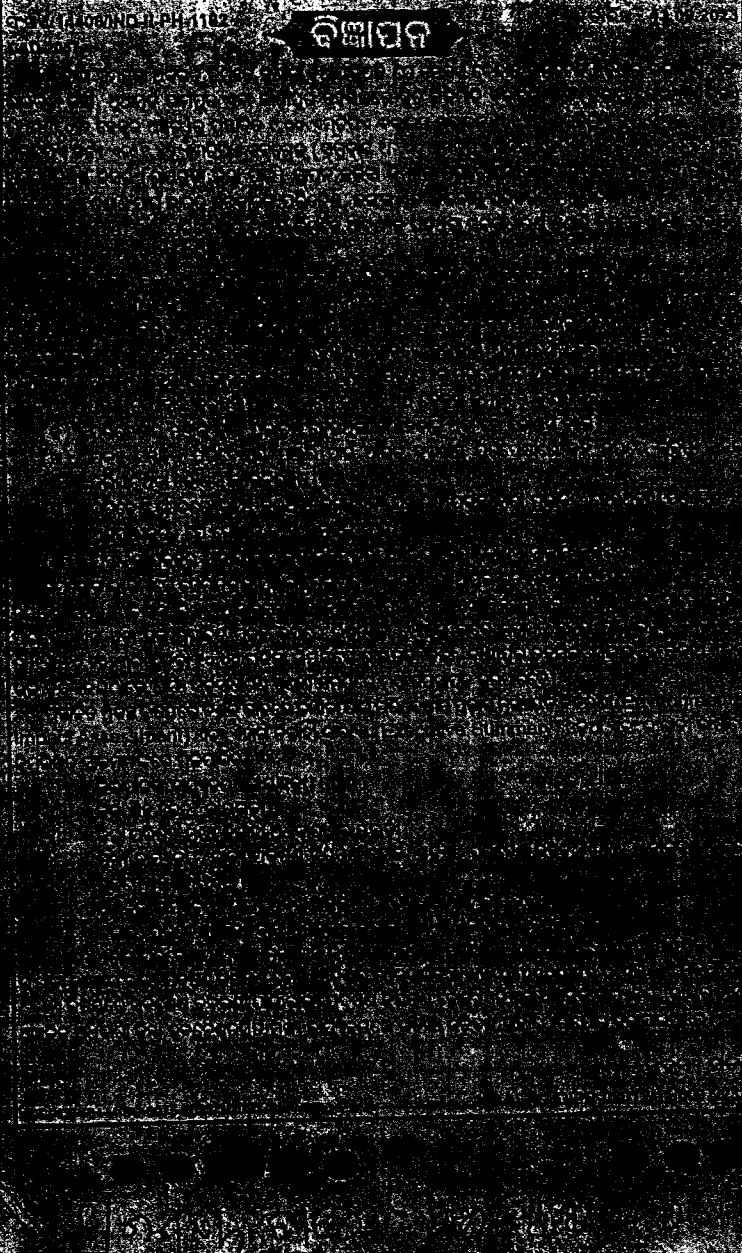
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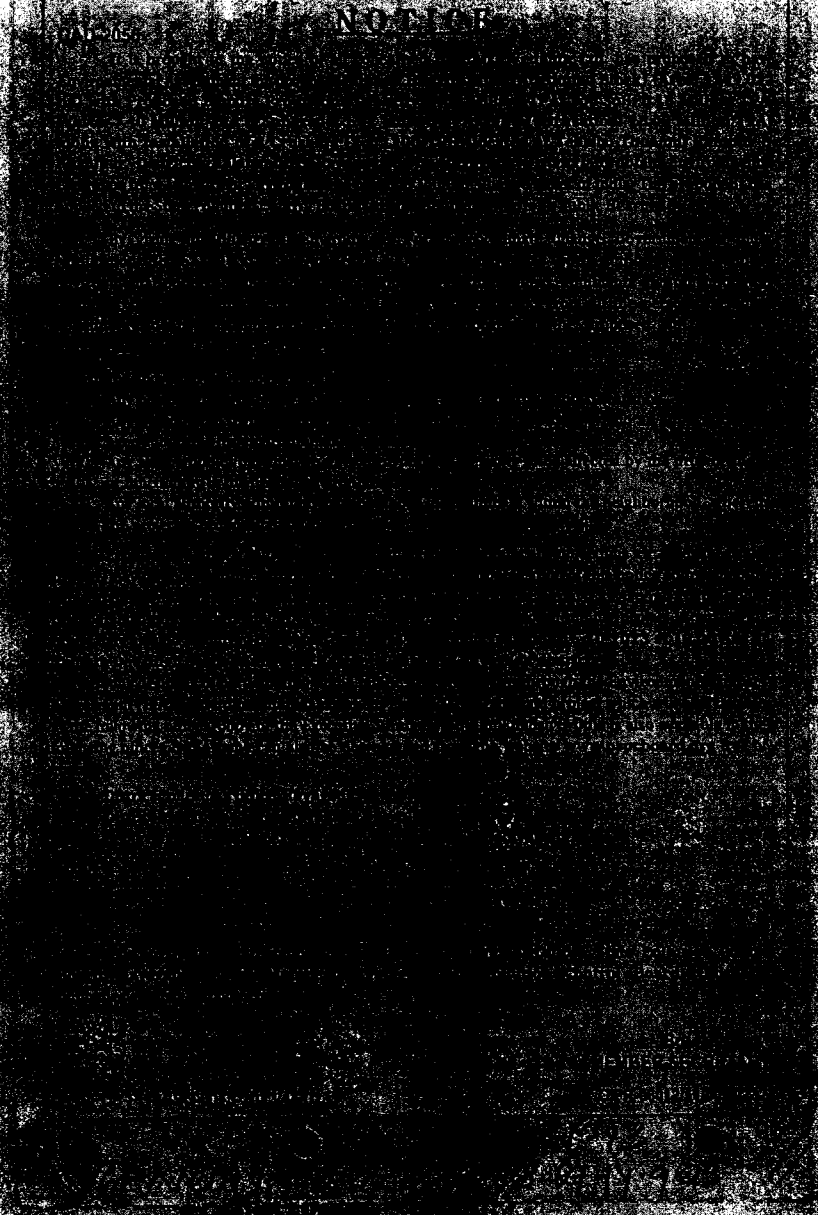


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