

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR KUAKHAI RIVER SAND QUARRY IN VILLAGE PANDARA,
UNDER BHUBANESWAR TAHASIL AND KUSABHADRA RIVER SAND QUARRY IN
VILLAGE BHUBANPUR UNDER TAHASIL BALIANTA IN KHORDHA DISTRICT**

The Public hearing meeting was held in respect of Environment Impact Assessment for Kuakhai River Sand Quarry, Pandara of over an area of 18.62 Hectare in village Pandara under Bhubaneswar Tahasil and Kusabhadra River Sand Quarry over an area of 22.26 Hectare in village Bhubanpur under Baliana Tahasil of Khorda district. (i.e. both the sand quarry are coming under cluster approach with total cluster area of 40.88 Hectare) was held on Dt. 24.12.2023 (11.00.A.M.) with reference to:

1. EIA Notification S.O.1533 (E), dated 14.09.2006 and amended thereafter.
2. COVID-19 Guideline issued by MoEF& CC, Govt. of India vide OM No.22-25-IA-111, dated 09.06.2021.
3. Vide letter of Member Secretary, SPC Board No. 18507/IND-II-PH-1177 and No. 18512/IND-II-PH-1177/ dtd.22.11.2023.

The Panel was consisted of the following Members to conduct the process of Public Hearing:

1. Sri Rudra Narayan Mohanty, OAS (SAG), Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar,
2. Dr. Sohan Giri, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

At the outset, Dr. Sohan Giri, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar Regional Office on behalf of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha welcomed the guests, dignitaries, public and other members present in the meeting. The meeting was presided over by the Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar on behalf the District Administration, Khordha.

Dr. Sohan Giri, being the Representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, gave a brief introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing as has been cited in the EIA Notification, 2006 and interim operational guidelines till date, along with Covid-19 Guidelines issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide OM No.22-25-IA.III, Dated. 09/06/2021 and the modalities to be followed for conducting the public hearing meeting in respect to sand mine project proposed by the project proponent Sri Mahesh Chandra Ray (The Lessee) and the Tahasildar, Baliana.

Welcoming the public, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, highlighted about the aim and objective of the public hearing and invited the views, comments/opinions from the local public w.r.t the environmental clearance of the project. Then the Regional Officer requested Sri Rudra Narayan Mohanty, Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar to preside over the public hearing meeting.

In his presentation Sri Rudra Narayan Mohanty, Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar presided over the meeting, highlighted the purpose of the meeting and the procedure to be maintained by the gatherings till completion of the public hearing.

The Regional Officer, Dr. Sohan Giri invited the project proponent to present the details of proposed Sand Mine project before the public present in the meeting. On behalf of Sri Mahesh Chandra Ray, Lessee the Representative of M/s. Kalyani Laboratory, Bhubaneswar, Sri Sudhir Kumar Barik presented the details about the proposed Mines Project, and various aspect like: procedure to be followed during entire period of Mining/Excavation, depth of excavation in the river bed, practices to be undertaken during mining, transportation of sand, about the pre-feasibility report conduct w.r.t. Air, Water & Soil quality, Ambient Noise level which were found to be within the prescribed standard. He highlighted the local people will be engaged during the period of excavation, green belt development nearby river road site, peripheral development w.r.t. regular health check-up, Financial Aid to primary School of the village, drinking water facility to the villages and its maintenance, plantation of fruit bearing trees near/within school campus and around the village boundary, provision for rain water harvesting. To verify/review the C.S.R. activity by the lessee a village committee will be constituted by taking Members from Gram Panchayat, Representative of local people. The village committee in consultation with the lessee will look after the peripheral development and will also look after the social and financial development-cum-benefits of the local villagers and as a whole and the Government of Odisha will be able to generate more revenue due to running of this sand mining project. He had also invited the opinion and objection of the public present in the public hearing and had sought their co-operation for smooth implementation of the project.

After the completion of deliberation, Dr. Sohan Giri requested the public present at the meeting of the area to put forth their views, comments, objections and opinions etc. about the commencement of the proposed sand mining project.

The following speakers gave their views on the above said project, which is given as follows :

1. Sri Kailash Chandra Patra, Balinata:

Sri Patra after welcoming all the officials present in the public hearing meeting expressed that the people of Pandara and Balianata are not getting sand easily and by that way they are paying heavy price for their day to day requirement. So without further delay the project should be started as soon as possible. The Lessee should give attention for the peripheral development of the village area. He told that if this project will be started then the general public will be benefited.

2. Sri Krishna Keshab Apart, Sarapanch, Balianata:

After welcoming all the delegates on and off the dais, Sri Apart told in support of the commencement of the project and expressed that since they are not getting the sand the development works in their area is being delayed. The Lessee should give attention for the environmental protection like the green belt development, maintaining the road condition to be improved, the fugitive dust should be minimised during transportation of vehicle by regular water sprinkling, plantation at the site etc.

3. Sri Biplab Behera, Corporater, Pandara:

After welcoming the guest on the dais, people of Ward No.18 and all the persons present in the meeting, Sri Behera told that he supported the proposal for starting the sand mining project of the government. During the mining activity the lessee should obey all the prescribed guideline of the government along with peripheral development. He also informed that without getting sand in time the contractors who are doing Government works are paying fine due to delay of project. So the process should be started as early as possible.

4. Sri Santosh Behera, Village Pandara:

At the outset Sri Behera welcomed the Chair and other delegates present in the meeting. Sri Behera supported and spoke in favour and supported the proposed project proposal. Sri Behera had also emphasised that during mining period the lessee should be vigilant

about the protection of local environment. The truck/tipper carrying sand shall be covered with tarpaulin, the nearby school environment to be protected from dust and above all the Lessee shall look after the developmental activities of nearby village.

5. Sri Prasanta Kumar Pradhan, Pandara:

At the outset Sri Pradhan welcomed the Chair, other Officials present on the dais and the local villagers and highlighted the following points:

- a) He expressed his views in support of the proposed mining proposal/project.
- b) The Lessee should look after the nearby environment and specially prevent air pollution.
- c) The speed limit of the sand carrying vehicle should be very low.
- d) The permit papers of the sand carrying vehicle should be valid.
- e) The lessee shall undertake development of green belt near the riverside, road etc.

6. Sri Jagannath Bhoi, Pandara:

After welcoming all the delegates (Officials) and nearby villagers present in the meeting, Sri Bhoi highlighted the issues like: (i) the nearby Hospital and school area should remain free from dust pollution, (ii) the connecting road i.e. between the excavation site upto the main road shall be developed, (iii) steps to be taken to avoid any road accident during movement of sand carrying vehicle within the rural road and (iv) the local people should not be affected due to dust pollution.

7. Pramod Kumar Bhoi, Member of Basudevpur Gramya Committee:

After welcoming the officials present on the dais, all the government officials and local people of Pandara, Sri Bhoi highlighted the following points:

- a) Due to lack of approval/permission of Environment Department the sand mining in their area is not being operational since long back.
- b) Due to running of the Pandara and Bhubanpur sand quarry the school going children will be affected along with nearby Hospital area people due to dispersal of dust during transportation of sand and measure shall be taken by the lessee.
- c) All the sand carrying vehicle should run with prescribed speed limit so as to avoid any accident due to spillage of sand on the road on the road.

- d) Timing of the vehicle carrying sand shall be fixed.
- e) The lessee should develop a separate road nearby the village area which is to be connected from the river bank site to the main road to avoid any accident due to spillage of sand on transportation road.
- f) The Jagannath Sadaka should be clearly demarked and should be connected to main road.
- g) Health check-up should be carried out at regular interval by the help of Lessee.
- h) Development of green belt area and the lessee shall engage his people to protect the nearby house during entire excavation period.
- i) The excavation should be done with help of local people and that is to be followed strictly.

8. Sri Ramesh Sahu, Vice President of the Village Committee-cum- Advocate, Palasuni.

Sri Sahu has raised and highlighted the following points:

- a) Due to non-operation of the sand quarry the middle class as well as poor people are suffering a lot for getting the sand for their day-to-day construction activity in a cheaper rate.
- b) During operation of the sand quarry attention shall be given by the lessee to obey all the environmental guideline.
- c) The sand carrying trucks should not be over loaded and should carry the material with tarpaulin cover so as to restrict the spillage on road and dispersal/windborne of dust to the nearby area.
- d) Development of transportation road and provision of light on both side of the haulage road.
- e) Plantation and green belt development on both side of the transportation road.
- f) Also the school authority had requested the ADM, Bhubaneswar & the Tahsildar, Bhubaneswar to give direction to the lessee to drive the truck/tippers carrying sand vehicle within prescribed limited speed.
- g) After agreement with truck/tippers vehicle owners they should be allowed to operate the excavation practices.

9. Sri Soubhagya Lenka, Vice President, Palasuni Puja Committee:

Sri Lenka informed that the local area people are getting day to day requirement of sand with high cost due to non-operation of the existing quarry in the river bed. So he

requested that the sand quarries shall be allowed to operate. He also informed that during transportation of sand from river side, the vehicle like Haiwa, Tractor should be covered with tarpaulin and there shall be development of green belt at both side of road and regular water sprinkling.

10. Gangadhar Jena, Bhubanpur:

Sri Jena in his speech had highlighted that direction to be given to all the truck owners and drivers to drive their vehicle within prescribed speed limit so as avoid any road accident and spillage of sand/dust on the transportation road.

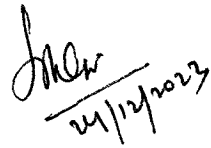
After all the deliberation/presentation by all the above started speakers the Regional Officer, SPCB, Bhubaneswar invited the Lessee Sri Mahesh Chandra Ray to place his reply before the audience present in the meeting. In his response Sri Das replied to the issues raised by the speakers and committed that (i) the overall road condition of the School existing at Pandara and Bhubanpur will be developed and surrounding environment quality will be maintained, (ii) one Ambulance will be provided to the village of Baliana and Pandara for providing medical facility, (iii) As a Lessee he will look after the overall problem issues of surrounding areas of the nearby village during excavation period as has been cited in project report in a year and (iv) during mining period he will also provide some financial help during village function.

The Dr. Sohan Giri Regional Officer invited the Tahasildar, Bhubaneswar Tahasil to highlight about the proposed minor mineral excavation project. In his reply the Tahasildar informed that the Government has permitted the Lessee Sri Mahesh Chandra Ray to operate the Quarry and he has applied to obtain Environment Clearance from SEIAA, all the guideline will be followed by the vehicle owners during transportation of minor mineral from the quarry site, the Lessee will look after the peripheral development and will provide aid for the development of the local school and nearby government medicals of the said area.

At last the Regional Officer, SPCB, requested the chair to put forth the final comments and remarks about the public hearing before concluding the programme. Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar finally gave the concluding remarks and informed the gathering that the EIA & EMP have been done as per the direction and guideline of Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Govt. of India. He informed that majority of

people of both the areas wants to run the sand quarry source and the lessee will definitely follow all the government guideline during the period of operation of quarry. He informed that that all the deliberation of speakers have been recorded, the representation received from public have been kept and all documents of the Public Hearing will be forwarded to SEIAA, Odisha for taking final decision and gave vote of thanks to everybody for successful completion of the programme.

The public hearing meeting was concluded accordingly and the whole proceedings have been video recorded. At last the public hearing meeting was ended with thanks to Chair and other officials present on dias.



Dr. Sohan Giri
(Regional Officer)
Assisted as Representative of
SPCB, Odisha, Bhubaneswar



Sri Rudra Narayan Mohanty, OAS (SAG)
Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar
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NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that Sri Mahesh Chandra Ray has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Kuakhai River Sand Quarry, Pandara over Na area of 18.62 ha. in village Pandara under Bhubaneswar tehsil of Khordha district. (coming under cluster approach with total cluster area 40.88 ha.) 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:

- Any person who is likely to be affected by the grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Any person who owns his control over the project with respect to which an application has been submitted for environmental clearance.
- Any association of persons whether incorporated or likely to be affected by the project and/or functioning in the field of environment.
- Any local authority within any part of whose local limits 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 24.12.2023 at 11.00 A.M in the premises of U.G.M.E School, Pandra under Bhubaneswar tehsil of Khordha 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 is also available in the following offices & the same can also be downloaded from the website www.ospcboard.org free of cost.

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

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



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