

**PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR M/S BRUTANG IRRIGATION PROJECT OF IRRIGATION
DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF ODISHA IN THE MANJARI VILLAGE OF NAYAGARH
DISTRICT HELD ON 16.02.2024 AT 11.00 AM NEAR A GROUND LOCATED AT BANKIA
TALIA SCHOOL UNDER DASAPALLA TAHASIL OF NAYAGARH 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 Irrigation Department, Govt. of Odisha have proposed to have Environmental Impact Assessment for Brutang Irrigation Project 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 “Prameya” dated 12.01.2024 and an English Daily “The Times of India ” dated 12.01.2024 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, Nayagarh, District Industries Centre(DIC), Nayagarh, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nayagarh, 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 Takeram Gram Panchayat, Kulurukumpa Gram Panchayat, Block Development Office, Dasapalla in the Dist. of Nayagarh.

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 Additional District Magistrate, Nayagarh to kindly preside and supervise in the public hearing.

The Additional District Magistrate, Nayagarh 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.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur asked the project proponent to brief about the project along with its impact on environment and its mitigation. Er. Sagar Mohanty, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Govt. Of Odisha presented the salient features of the proposed Brutang Irrigation Project, the present status of the environmental conditions, possible impact on the environment due to such activities and the remedial measures to be undertaken to reduce the impact while executing.

The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions in oral or in written form regarding the proposed project, specifically relating to environment. About 80 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, 54 nos. of persons signed in the attendance sheet, out of which 18 persons participated in the oral deliberation and signed in the oral deliberator's sheet. 05 nos. of written representations were received in the hearing. The attendance sheets, the deliberator sheets and written representations are enclosed as **Annexure-I, Annexure-II & Annexure- III** respectively.

The statements recorded are as follows:

1. Sri Nabakishor Mallick, At -Manjari, Nayagarh

He welcomed the proposed irrigation project and demanded the following:

- a) He stated that about 10 thousand people will be displaced by this project. The Government should pay proper compensation for the land proposed to be acquired.
- b) All the adult males and unmarried adult women should be treated as separate families and accordingly compensation should be paid to them. Government should allocate homestead patta land and 5 to 10 acres of agricultural land to each displaced person.
- c) The rehabilitation colony should be located closed to the National Highway with proper road connectivity with NH.
- d) There should be proper coordination between various Government departments during displacement and resettlement.
- e) They will not surrender the lands if Government will fail to fulfill above demands and they will also oppose displacement.
- f) Survey for this project for rehabilitation and re-settlement was undertaken by the Government 25 years ago. However in the meantime several changes have happened in terms of population of every family. Therefore, Government should undertake a fresh survey for rehabilitation and re-settlement.
- g) Government should clarify the amount of compensation to be paid to them in terms of house building assistance and compensation amount for land.

2. Sri Laxmidhar Muduli, At-Bankataila, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Construction of Railway bridges on Khordha – Bolangir railway track at Bankataila has been made for ease of commuting to other sides and at Gambharigada for proper channelization of rain water during monsoon for cultivation purpose.
- b) The people are demanding for construction of road from from Bankataila to Buguda.
- c) Lift irrigation facility should be created at Bruttang River for paddy cultivation.

3. Sri Ajay Kumar Pradhan, At-Odasara, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) Their forefathers were displaced during construction of Kuanria Dam about 50 years ago but till date they are facing various problems of resettlement. Permanent Record of Rights (RoR) is yet to be issued by the Government to the land losers. Displaced persons were moving from one Government Office to another for rehabilitation but no one is listening to them. They are being deprived of various Government schemes as they have no RoR.
- b) In view of the above, they have lost trust on Government. If the proposed irrigation project will be implemented they will be again displaced and lose whatever they posses.
- c) The irrigation department should explain why local public will trust them and again surrender their land for this project.

4. Sri Bhagaban Jani, At-Manjari, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) The people of his village will lose their land and forest by execution of this project and they will be displaced. Government should clearly explain the pros and cons of Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy to them.
- b) 11 nos. of villages will be totally submerged and 41 nos. of villages will be partly submerged. In this public hearing only few persons were present those will be actually displaced. Therefore this public hearing should be conducted at those villages which will be submerged, for better feedback.

5. Smt. Gurubari Nayak, At- Buguda, Nayagarh

She highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) She got four decimal of land however RoR is yet to be issued by the Government. For this they have approached Tahasil Office and Collector Office several times but no result.
- b) Khordha-Bolangir railway project is being constructed over their land but they are not getting compensation as they have no ROR. She requested to the Government to address their issues so that they should be properly compensated.

6. Sri. Ranjan Naik, At-Durgaprshad, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) He is a disabled person and requested the Government for pension for meeting his livelihood.

7. Smt. Pushpa Nayak, Buguda, Nayagarh

She highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) She stated that Government has allocated four decimal of land to her which is yet to be identified and demarcated.
- b) She is deprived of various Government Schemes as she has no land. She requested the District Administration to address her grievance so that she can construct a house by Government Scheme.

8. Smt. Bilasha Bhoi, Bankataila, Nayagarh

- a) She requested for pension under social security scheme.
- b) She demanded for construction of roads.

9. Sri. Duryadhan Jani, Buguda Colony, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) He stated that he is a displaced person of Kuanria Dam and at present is resettled at Buguda Colony. However, since last 40 years permanent RoR has not been issued in his name.
- b) He requested the Government for issue of permanent RoR and grant of other facilities of rehabilitation to the displaced families.
- c) He is also a disabled person and is meeting his livelihood by begging. Therefore Government should take steps for meeting his livelihood.

10. Sri. Prakasha Gontayat, Buguda Colony, Nayagarh

He stated that Bolangir – Khordha Railway line is being constructed on his Rayati land. Therefore, Government should allocate another piece of homestead land in lieu of the same for construction of house.

11. Sri. Virat Pradhan, Munduli, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) There is acute scarcity of water in his village, therefore proper drinking water and irrigation facility should be provided by the Government.
- b) Development of the Road should be made for ease of commuting.
- c) Construction of community hall for cultural programmes should be made.

12. Smt. Sushama Bhoi, Bankataila

She highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) She demanded for construction of bridge for ease of commuting to their agricultural lands.
- b) Development of the roads should be taken up by the Government.
- c) Proper irrigation facilities with irrigation canal should be provided by the Government.

13. Smt. Mata Dalabehera, Royata Odasara, Nayagarh

She highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) They are displaced families of Kuanria Dam and till date they have not receive the RoR for which they are facing several problems.
- b) She demanded for permanent patta (RoR).

14. Smt. Soyindri Jani, Manjari, Nayagarh

She stated that they will be displaced by this project; therefore Government should clarify where they will stay.

15. Sri Sathiya Jena, Kamosara, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) He is a displaced family from Kuanria Dam. At the time of construction of Kuanria Dam, Government has promised them to provide various facilities such as permanent RoR for land, construction of school for better education etc. However they were betrayed and till date they did not get permanent ROR.
- b) Railway project is being constructed over their land but they were not able to get compensation as they have no permanent RoR.
- c) He demanded for issue of permanent RoR in their names for the allocated land to avail various beneficial schemes.

16. Sri Manas Kumar Sahu, Buguda Colony, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) They have got RoR for their land; however till date exact location of that land was not identified. Now railway project is being constructed in that area and they are unable to ascertain whether their land is a part of that project or not.
- b) They have approached Tahasil Office and other Revenue Officials for demarcation of their land but till date there is no result.
- c) He demanded for proper demarcation of their land.
- d) He demanded drinking water facility to their village.

17. Sri Gulekha Maharana, Odasara, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:

- a) They were displaced due to construction of Kuanria Dam during his childhood but till date they have not got permanent RoR of their land.
- b) Government has provided land to them however, till date its physical location is not known to anyone.
- c) They have approached several times to the Government authority to address their issues however; it is yet to be resolved. He strongly demanded to address their issues otherwise they will agitate and protest at Tahasil Office.

18. Sri Jadav Bhoi, Bankataila, Nayagarh

He highlighted/ demanded the followings:


- a) Government should take immediate steps for issue of permanent RoR for their land so that they can avail various benefits under Government schemes such as construction of houses etc.
- b) Construction of canal should be made for irrigation.

The Additional District Magistrate, Nayagarh and Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public and requested to the Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Odisha to address the issues raised by the local public. Er. Sagar Mohanty, Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Govt. of Odisha addressed the apprehensions raised by the public.

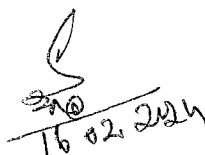
Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns, expressed by the oral deliberators. The minutes of the public hearing were prepared which has been ratified by the Additional District Magistrate, Nayagarh 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- IV** and **Annexure-V** separately.

The public hearing was ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and participants.


16/02/2024
(Er. Deepak Kumar Sahoo)

Regional Officer,
State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur
(Assisted as representative of
State Pollution Control Board)


16/02/2024
(Sri Dilip Kumar Bal, (O.A.S. (SAG))

Additional District Magistrate, Nayagarh,
(Presided and Supervised
the public Hearing meeting)

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STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA
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No. 562/ND-II-PH-1201

Date: 10.01.2024

NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that Irrigation Department, Govt. of Odisha has proposed to have Environmental Assessment for Brutang Irrigation Project in village Manjari under Dasapalla tahsil of Nayagrah district to obtain Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India. 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. SO. 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 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 18-02-2024 at 11.00 A.M. near a Ground located at Banka Talia School under Dasapalla tahsil of Nayagrah 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, Nayagrah.
2. District Industries Center, Nayagrah.
3. In the office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nayagrah.
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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