

Proceedings of the Public Hearing for Jyoti Paramanik of M/s.Putka Limestone Mines for production of 70,200 TPA limestones with open cast semi mechanized mining method over an area of 97.031 Ha. at Putka, Dist: Bargarh held at Putka Village under Jharbandh Block of Bargarh District on dt. 4.11.2016 at 11.30 A.M.

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At the outset Sri H. N. Nayak, Regional Office of State Pollution Control Board, Sambalpur welcomed all the public present in the meeting. He briefly described the objective of conducting the public hearing as per the EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533(E) of Dt. 14th September 2006 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India and detail about the mine. The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing was done and the CD is enclosed herewith along with the proceeding of the meeting. He also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the public hearing of the of M/s.Putka Limestone Mines was duly advertised in one Odiya news paper daily, Dharatri, dt. 6.9.2016 and in English news paper, Times of India, Sambalpur on 5.9.2016 following due procedure. The venue, date and timing of the Public hearing meeting of the said

mine was extensively propagated in all affected and nearby villages. The executive summary of the project both in Oriya & English were displayed in public at the meeting venue and also distributed among the persons during the meeting. The executive summary also is available in the website of State pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar (www.ospcboard.org).

The Addl. District Magistrate, Bargarh explained to public that those who want to participate in the public hearing may discuss about the impact on the environment due to the mining project and the statements should be related to environment & pollution to be created by the mine. He also explained to the public the detail background of M/s Putuka Lime Stone Mines. The mining lease of Putka Lime stone mine over 97.031 Ha, which was granted by Government of Odisha and executed in the year 1974 for a period of 20 years. Then the renewal of lease extends upto 1994, then another twenty years upto 2014. The mine lease for further renewal of 20 years is deemed extent upto 2024. He emphasized the benefits of Project to the surrounding and also local people after operation of the mine. There is an ecological balance between the Projects with respect to pollution control measures taken by the mine. For which detailed EIA study has been carried out and observed minimum impact due to the mining project. Environmental Clearance of the Mine will be considered on the basis of the findings of the EIA report. The opinion of public in the surrounding of mines with regard to the impacts due to the advent of the project again are essential as part compliance in obtaining Environmental Clearance(EC) from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of India for further operation of the Mine.

Then Sri H. N. Nayak, Regional Officer of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Sambalpur called the mines owner to deliver the detail of the mine, its impact on environment & mitigation measures to be taken by the mine to protect environment

The Addl. District Magistrate, Bargarh made understood to public, those who would like to participate in the public hearing would discuss about the impact on the environment due to the proposed mining project and the statements would be related to environment & anticipated pollution due to the mine. Then he called the project proponent to describe the details of the mine, method of mining and its impact on surrounding environment before the public.

Sri Jyoty Parmanik, Leasee of M/s. Putka Limestone Mines, addressed the chair and gathering and he intimated that the mine was operating from the year 1974. The mine was closed in the year 2009 due to want of following documents.

- Approved mining plan and mining scheme from IBM
- Valid consent to establish and consent to operate of the mines from State Pollution Control Board.
- Environmental Clearances from Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,, Govt of India.

In the meantime M/s. Putka Limestone Mines already granted approval mining plan and mining scheme, consent to establish from the State Pollution control Board and applied EIA to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of India and also got TOR (Term of Reference) from MoEF. Public hearing is the final part for Environmental clearance.

Then the public deliberated on various issues of the mine one by one. After the deliberations were made by the public, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Sambalpur invited the Representative of the mine to offer views on issues raised by the public. Sri Jyoti Paramanik of M's. Putka Limestone mine of the mine placed his views on the issues raised by the Public. There was mixed responses with majority apprehending negative impacts of the proposed mining activity. The summary of the views and opinions of the public and the commitments made by the Project Proponent are annexed in Oriya language & English language as **Annexure-VI & VII** respectively.

Finally the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and other participants.


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