

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF M/S. TATA STEEL SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE LIMITED FOR THE PROPOSED MULTI PRODUCT SEZ/INDUSTRIAL PARK AT GOPALPUR OF GANJAM DISTRICT.

VENUE: BERHAMPUR UNIVERSITY PLAYGROUND UNDER TAHASIL KONISI OF DISTRICT GANJAM ON 02.12.2016, AT 11.00 AM.

At the outset, Sri Mitrasen Majhi, 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 M/s Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited have proposed to have environmental assessment for establishing Multi Product SEZ/Industrial Park and has applied to obtain environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment , Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study.

Publicity regarding public hearing was made in the following manners –

Advertisements through an Oriya daily “Samaj” dated 28.10.2016 and an English daily “The Times of India” dated 28.10.2016 regarding the venue, date and time of the public hearing along with the places of availability of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, Executive Summaries (Oriya & English) and soft copy in the office of Collectorate Ganjam, Chatrapur, 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 & Department of Forest & Environment, 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 Lahojhar Gram Panchayat, Narendrapur Gram Panchayat, Karapalli Gram Panchayat, Narayanpur Gram Panchayat, Kallipalli Gram Panchayat and Chamakhandi Gram Panchayat of Ganjam district.

Further announcements were also made through loud speaker regarding Public Hearing for information of the public in the surrounding villages.

He requested the audience to state their opinions orally or in written, based on the environmental aspects. Then he requested the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Ganjam, Sri Bijaya Kumar Dash, O.A.S. (S) to kindly preside and supervise the public hearing.

The Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Ganjam, in his address welcomed the people for attending the hearing with a message to the audience that they should give their comments based on the Pollution related aspects. He briefed about the project and elaborated the objective of conducting public hearing in respect of any project seeking environmental clearance from the Govt. of India. Then he asked the representatives of M/s Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited to give the detail description on the project.

Sri Susanta Kumar Mishra, Vice President Operation, M/s Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Ltd., Gopalpur, stated that the proposed project is a Multi Product SEZ/Industrial Park. Then he presented the salient features of the project, the present status of the environmental conditions, possible impact on the environment due to execution and operational activities and the remedial measures to be undertaken by the project proponent to reduce the impact while executing the project.

He concluded that a suitable Environmental Management Plan has been formulated and would be continuously upgraded to mitigate the impact on the different components of the environment such as water, air, noise & soil.

After the presentation of Sri Susanta Kumar Mishra of TATA Steel, the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue) Ganjam, invited the public to offer their views, objections, opinions, comments and suggestions regarding the proposed project ; specifically relating to environmental issues. About 1000 persons were present in the public hearing meeting, but only 108 persons signed in the attendance sheet, 43 persons registered in the deliberation sheet and 37 persons participated in the oral deliberation. 03nos. of written representations was received in the hearing. The attendance sheets of audience and deliberators along with the written representations are enclosed as **Annexure-I, Annexure-II and Annexure-III** respectively.

The statements recorded are as follows.

01. Sri Manoj Kumar Panigrahi, Tata Colony, Patrapur

He addressed the gathering, showed his happiness that the project is coming after a long gape of twenty years and welcomed the project. Further he demanded that the project proponent should provide permanent employment to the Displaced Persons, 1996 ITI batches, and the local effected people, and proper compensation to the project displaced person.

02. Laxmi Narayana Moharana, Tata Colony, Badapur

He said that he belongs to the displaced category of the project for which he has been given a job by the Tata Steel Company under a contractor and he is not a permanent employee of Tata. Further he said that due to the lower amount of salary he is not able to full-fill his basic requirement and therefore requested the Tata authority to take care of his demand.

03. Rudra Prasad Patra, Mandiapalli

He addressed the audience present in the hearing and expressed his happiness and supported the project. He demanded that the pollution aspect should be properly addressed so that there should not be any adverse environmental impact to the surrounding. Further he added that the project proponent should provide employment to the project affected and the local people.

04. Radha Mohan Pradhan, Tata Colony, S. Paikapada

He addressed the gathering and welcomed the project. He hoped that the project should come up and the local people should get employment. He showed his dissatisfaction on the 7.0 lakhs compensation policy and requested that the compensation packaged should be properly addressed and it should not be linked with the employment opportunity of the project displaced person.

05. V. Sunanda Reddy, Hyderabad

He welcomed the project and submitted one written submission during the hearing.

06. B. Ganesh Reddy, Tata Colony, Sindhigaon.

He showed his dissatisfaction on the employment package of M/s Tata Steel Ltd. and demanded that rest 32 nos. of unemployed displaced person should be given employment in the Tata Ferro Alloys Plant.

07. Damodar Panigrahi, Tata Colony, Sindhigaon.

He said that he is a project displaced person and a diploma candidate but he has not got employment till date. Hence he demanded that all the diploma, ITI, Under Matriculate, unemployed person of the locality should be given employment. He supported the project with the conditions that the project proponent should consider their demand of employment. Further he wanted to know the impact of environmental pollution to be caused due to installation of textile and chemical industries in the industrial park/SEZ.

08. Ramesh Chandra Mahakuda, Tata Colony, Nuabadapur

He addressed the audience and said that they are waiting for the Tata to come and after inauguration of the Ferro Chrome Plant, they are very happy that Tata will come and the future of Ganjam will change. Further he demanded that the project should give employment to the displaced persons, trained youth and the affected local people. Lastly he welcomed the project.

09. Uma Shankar Sahu, Tata Colony, Sindhigaon.

He showed his disappointment on late coming up of M/s Tata Steel. He welcomed the project on behalf of the Sindhigaon village committee and hoped that the project will come and the displaced persons, affected people and the local people will get employment on priority basis. Further he hoped that the project proponent should take steps towards development of the area with respect to education, communication and health. Lastly once again he welcomed the project.

10. Abhimanyu Dash, Tata Colony, Nuabadapur

He addressed the audience present in the hearing and demanded that adequate pollution control measure should be taken so that it should not affect the local area. Further he demanded that the project proponent should provide employment to the local people. Lastly he welcomed the project.

11. Purna Chandra Das, Tata Colony, Nuabadapur

He welcomed the project and demanded for employment the local people of the area.

12. Binod Kumar Mahakud, Tata Colony, Nuabadapur

He supported the project with a condition that the environmental norm should be fulfilled by the company. Further in support of the unemployed youth, he demanded for employment. Again he welcomed the project and assured to cooperate it.

13. Lalita Sahu, Tata Colony, C. Paikapada.

She said that they are supporting the project.

14. Somanath Sahu, Jagannathpur, Narendrapur

He addressed the gathering, welcomed the project and hoped that the area will be developed if this project will come for which he wishes the Tata authority.

15. Rama Chandra Sahu, Tata Colony, New Patrapur

He welcomed the project and demanded the project must come and give employment to the displaced person, Diploma and ITI candidates. Further he demanded that the salary of the employees should be revised and cost of the profit of the company should be shared in to the project displaced people.

16. P. Kamaraju Reddy, Tata Colony, Sindhigaon

He addressed the audience and welcomed the project. Further he requested the audience to support the project. In his demand he added that the company should properly settle the compensation aspect, provide employment to the local unemployed. Further he hoped that the project should come fast.

17. L. Keshab Kumar Patro, Sarapanch, Luhajhara

He addressed the audience and said that there should not be Air, Water and Social pollution due to the project. He showed his disappointment for the delay of the company. Further he said that if there is company there shall be environmental pollution. But we support the project for the economical development provided there shall not be any pollution problems and step should be taken to control the environmental pollution. He further demanded that the project proponent should share the profit with the land looser. Lastly he welcomed the project and hoped that the project should come up fast.

18. Dr. Trinath. Behera, X-MLA, Gopalpur.

He addressed to the audience and showed his happiness on inauguration of the Ferro Alloys Plant of the Tata Steel, Gopalpur on 30.11.2016 and hoped that the local development will occur due to this project. He requested to the audience to welcome the project. Further he demanded to the project proponents to provide employment to the unemployed local people on phase wise basis.

19. Subash Maharana, Chairman, BDA, Berhampur

He addressed the gathering and expressed the importance of industries and their interrelations with employment and economical development. He requested the project proponent to grow more plants and take adequate pollution control measures. He opined that they should cooperate the project to come up.

20. Ashok Kumar Choudhury, X-MLA, Chatrapur

He addressed the audience and said that no body opposes the SEZ project and he also supports it. Further he wanted to know the earlier commitment of TATA to install Desalination Plant and Rebars Plant. But the plants are not installed yet. Further he said that there will be pollution due to the industries, but they should not oppose it. Again he demanded that the pollution problem should be properly controlled by the Tata authority and instead of use of D.G. Set, Solar energy and Wind energy should be promoted. Employment should be given to the displaced persons, affected persons, top priority should be given for recycling and reused of waste water and emphasized on rain water harvesting and green belt development. Lastly he again welcomed the project.

21. B. Damodar Reddy, Jagannathpur, Narendrapur

He addressed the gathering and said that everybody welcomed the SEZ project, therefore he also welcomed the SEZ project so that the area will be developed. He demanded permanent employment to the local people.

22. Priya Ranjan Mishra, Tata Colony, Sindhigaon

He showed his dissatisfaction and said that if the plant will not come, then the land should be returned to the people. He further said that the company should provide employment to all the affected families and opposes the employment to outsiders. He raised the pollution issues and said that the pollution problem will occur when the industries will be established. Therefore it should be controlled properly.

23. Ch. Sudhakar, Chamakhandi

He addressed the audience and said that they are concerned about the pollution problem and want to know if the project will come what will be its impact on Kia Bushes and Coconut plants of this area. Further he wanted to know the present pollution law level of the area and step to be taken for control of environmental pollution should be explained before the hearing. However he supported the industrialization and demanded that less polluting industries, less water consuming industries having more employment opportunity should be invited by the Tata company to the proposed industrial park. Lastly once again he welcomed the project.

24. Ch. Raghunath Reddy, Basanaputti

He welcomed the project and demanded permanent employment to displaced person and unemployed of the locality. Further he demanded the project proponent should developed adequate plantation in surrounding areas and along the boundary. Step should be taken to control the water pollution, air pollution and soil pollution so that it shall not affect the agriculture and drinking water.

25. K. Jagannath Reddy, Tata Colony, Sindhigaon

He addressed the audience, welcomed to the project and demanded for local employment in the project.

26. Hemanta Kumar Rath, Tata Colony, Patrapur

He addressed the gathering and welcomed the project. He demanded that water pollution, air pollution should be properly controlled and less pollution company should be invited in this SEZ project. The project proponent shall provide employment to the local affected people.

27. P. Lambodhar Reddy, Kalipalli

He addressed the people and welcomed the SEZ project. He want to know the kind of industries and their pollution potentiality, who are willing to come to the industrial park. Further he intimate that if these industries will not able to solve the local problems then they will protest it.

28. Padma Charan Sahu, Sarapanch, Kalipalli G.P.

He addressed the gathering and demanded that the pollution problem should be properly addressed and the conditions to be imposed with respect to environmental issues should be fulfilled. Further he demanded that one environmental committee should be constituted to look in to the matter of environmental pollution. Peripheral development should be made and local employment shall be given. Lastly he supported the project and hoped that it must come up.

29. P. Danesu Reddy, Tata Colony, Sindhigaon

He welcomed the project and demanded that Tata should developed road, provide employment to the local people and take steps for sound management of the environmental problems.

30. K. Tumbanath Reddy, Chamakhandi

He addressed the gathering and demanded that pollution free industries shall come up in SEZ and priority shall be given for manual operation of the industries. Further he want to know the type industries and the pollution load of the upcoming Special Economic Zone/Industrial Park. He welcomed the project and demanded that the displaced persons and affected people should not be neglected. Further he opined that the Tata Company shall develop plantation along the boundary and peripheral area of the Special Economic Zone, to control the pollution problems.

31. Hrusikesh Gouda, Tata Colony, Nuabadapur

He addressed the audience and said that they are displaced people and lost their land, therefore they should be provided permanent employment in Tata company and not under the contractor, Further he demanded employment for all land looser and supported the SEZ project.

32. N. Giri Prasad Reddy, Chamakhandi

He addressed the audience and welcomed the project. He opined that the industries with higher employment opportunity should come up in the SEZ project, pollution problems should be properly addressed and the unutilized lands should be returned to the farmers and employment to the affected people.

33. Ghanashyam Sahu, Kalipalli

He addressed the audience and welcomed the project with a demand that the water pollution, air pollution should be adequately controlled so that it shall not affect the surrounding and the local people will live safely.

34. Santosh Kumar Sahu, (Advocate), Chamakhandi

He demanded that the land looser shall be given their land lordship and share in the company. Further he demanded employment to the affected person as per the Govt. rule and not as per the desire of the company.

35. Dr. Sudhanshu Pati, President Citizen Forum, Berhampur

He addressed the gathering and welcomed the Tata project and suggested that the environmental pollution aspect should be properly controlled and proper employment to the affected local people.

36. Rama Chandra Behera, Chatrapur

He addressed the gathering and demanded that pollution should be controlled properly and the State Pollution Control Board should take steps so that the people should not be affected by the pollution problem. He welcomed the project with the condition that the company shall provide employment to the local people.

37. Danial Das, Labour Leader, Odisha

He demanded proper control of environmental pollution so that there shall not be any adverse impact to the local people. Further he supported the industrialization in the Ganjam district.

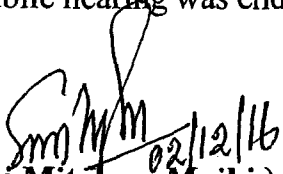
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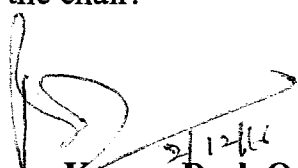
During the hearing the project proponent redressed the apprehensions raised by the public. Further the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Ganjam, Chatrapur & Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Berhampur also discussed on issues raised by the public.

Sri Mitrasen Majhi, 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 content of the proceedings was explained to the audience in Odiya and the minutes were prepared which has been ratified by the Additional District Magistrate (Revenue), Ganjam, Chatrapur with the views and concerns of the deliberators.

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

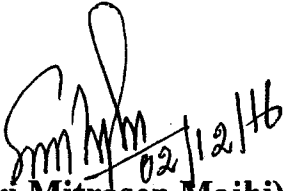
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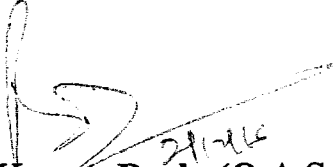

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(Presided and Supervised
the public Hearing meeting)

STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

ISSUES RAISED BY THE PUBLIC	COMMENTS OF THE APPLICANT REPRESENTED BY SRI SUSHANT KUMAR MISHRA , HEAD, GOPALPUR PROJECT
Pollution Control Measures	On behalf of the company Sri Sushant Kumar Mishra assured that the unit would take all pollution control measures as proposed in the executive summary.
Employment to the local people	Sri Mishra assured that the company would provide employment to the local people on phase wise basis.
Plantation	Sri Mishra assured that they will grow 33% plantation of the total area of the project and green belt in peripheral area.
Establishment of less polluting industry with higher employment opportunity	Sri Mishra assured that they are in the process of inviting less polluting with higher employment potential and less water consuming industries for the SEZ/Industrial Park.


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