

PROCEEDING OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S PARADEEP PORT TRUST, PARADEEP FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF OFFSHORE BREAK WATER AT PARADEEP PORT IN JAGATSINGHPUR DISTRICT HELD ON 29.04.2015 AT 11.00 AM AT OFFICERS CLUB OF PARADEEP PORT TRUST, PARADEEP, DIST- JAGATSINGHPUR.

The public hearing in respect of the above project was held 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 meeting with regard to date, place and time was announced in public address system apart from its publication in local dailies. The process followed for public hearing was adequate.

Er P Kar, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Paradeep welcomed the public to the public hearing meeting and briefed about the objectives, process & procedures followed for conducting such public hearing.

Dr Ramakrushna Sahoo, Additional District Magistrate, Paradeep, presided over and supervised the public hearing meeting. He briefed about the importance and objective of such hearing and invited the project proponent to make a presentation on proposed project.

Sri Ram Dulal Mohapatra, Executive Engineer of M/s Paradeep Port Trust, Paradeep gave a visual presentation on the proposed project and briefed about the pollution control measures to be adopted in the Project.

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, Paradeep.

1. Sri Dharendra Kuamr Swain, Bhutamundai.

He expressed that the dredging activities in Mahanadi & adjacent area affecting Bhutamundai & its surrounding villages through erosion which is about 10 km away in water way from the project area. He also expressed his dissatisfaction that the peripheral development fund of PPT being spent in other areas instead of Paradeep. He apprehended that proposed dyke may erode the Bhutamundai area further due to sea current.

He hoped that the project will help in improving the economic conditions of Paradeep area further. Therefore he is in favour of the project. He requested for construction of Spur at Bahatari area for protection of their land from erosion. He also demanded for provision of Roads & Medical facilities for local people by PPT.

2. Sri Gour Mohan Sahoo, President Paradeep Bandar Khyatigrastha Krushak Sangha Kujanga.

He expressed his dissatisfaction on land acquisition done by Paradeep Port Trust in the past & also on ignoring the farmers who gave their land to PPT. He informed that Paradeep Port Trust has acquired about 6000 Ac of land for development against 990 Ac in the initial phase. He informed that Spur constructed at Jagannathpur has saved Kujanga area. He told that Water of Talanda Canal meant for Farmers are being used by Industries and no water available in canal for cultivation. He expressed his concern over reduction of fish population in the locality and hence the fisher men are getting affected.

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He requested the District administration & Pollution control Board to properly address his representation.

3. Sri Kshetrabasi Jena, Singituli.

He informed about the land erosion at the mouth of the Mahanadi River. He apprehended about the possibility of erosion and degradation of land at Musadia, Bhutmundai & Kujanga area due to construction of offshore break water which may obstruct the discharge of water from Mahanadi River to Sea. He told that no proper development has been made in Paradeep as compared to that of Rourkela. He emphasized on dredging of Talanda Canal for adequate availability of water for farmers. He also enquired about the pollution impact on land, water & air due to proposed project

4. Sri Jagannath Nayak, Secretary, Paradeep Bandar Khyatigrasta Krushaka Sangha, Paradeep.

He introduced himself as a farmer & informed that they had given their land to Paradeep Port for sake of Sj Biju Pattanayak. He also expressed that land losers are not benefitted by the Port.

5. Sri Nishakar Muduli, Balipari, Kujanga.

He agreed upon the concerns expressed by previous speakers. Sri Muduli expressed his apprehension about land erosion by River Mahanadi and its impact on farming. As per his view, the construction of offshore break water will bring flood in Mahanadi which will affect the farm located adjacent to River bank. He also expressed that water are not available in branch canal which affecting their paddy cultivation. He suggested for formation of a high level committee to find out cause of land erosion by river Mahanadai and to address their grievances.

6. Sri Baishnaba Charan Pattanayak, Nimidhi, Kujanga.

Sri Pattanaik apprehended that the construction of offshore breakwater will have an adverse impact on discharge of Mahanadi water to sea causing breakage of canal embankment which may lead to heavy loss to life, property and nature. He enquired that whether the Break Water construction will affect the drainage of rain water from surrounding areas. He also expressed that major portion of Taladanda Canal water is being utilized by Paradeep Port Trust and hence farmers are not getting water sufficiently. He urged that Paradeep Port Trust should take up the repair & maintenance work of Taladanda Canal for benefit of all.

7. Sri Himanshu Sekhar Dash, Bhutamundai.

Sri Dash expressed that the port area has already been eroded near Nehru Bungalow and apprehended that the proposed project likely to aggravate the land erosion. He further expressed that depth of Mahanadi increasing due to drazing. He also apprehended that if Mahanadi breach at Bhutamundai (Mahanadi just 100m away from Bhutmundai area)

whole Port & Industries of Paradeep will be affected. He expressed his dissatisfaction over the ignoring attitude of Port towards local public.

8. **Sri Banshidhar Sahoo, Jhimani, Kujanga.**

Sri Sahoo expressed that existing break water dykes has significantly changed the geographical features of the area, lots of land mass has been eroded by Mahanadi and erosion process still continuing.

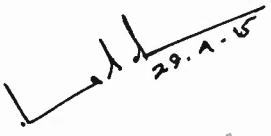
9. **Sri Susant Kumar Nayak, Paradeep.**

He expressed that the proposed project will be beneficial for the local as well as for the state and he is in favour of the project.

The meeting ended with Thanks to The Chair.

The issues raised by the public and corresponding comments of the applicant were prepared in Odiya and English and it is annexed to the proceedings as Annexure-I & II respectively, list of the participants is annexed as Annexure-III. The two representations received from Paradeep Bandar Khyatigrastha Krushak Sangha, At/Po- Kujanga, Dist- Jagatsinghpur during Hearing are annexed as Annexure-IV.


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