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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON 18.05.2018 AT  
10.00 A.M. IN RESPECT OF THE PROJECT 'PULSATED MONOCABLE SYSTEM  
PASSENGER ROPEWAY' AT NANDANKANAN ZOOLOGICAL PARK IN THE  
DISTRICT OF KHORDHA, AT- NANDANKANAN HIGH SCHOOL, BHUBANESWAR,  
DIST.- KHORDHA

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- ❖ Public hearing for the project '**Pulsated Monocable System Passenger Ropeway**' proposed by **M/s. Damodar Ropeway & Infra Ltd.** in the district of Khordha was conducted on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 as per the schedule date and venue in accordance with **EIA Notification S.O.1533 (E), Dtd.14.09.2006** and its various amendments thereafter.
- ❖ The panel consists of following members:
  1. Sri Manoj Kumar Mohanty, Additional District Magistrate, Bhubaneswar.
  2. Sri Hadibandhu Panigrahy, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- ❖ Sri Manoj Kumar Mohanty, Additional District Magistrate (ADM), Bhubaneswar presided over the public hearing and Sri Hadibandhu Panigrahy, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha assisted to conduct the hearing. More than 50 persons from the nearby area were present in the public hearing meeting.
- ❖ At the outset Sri Panigrahy welcomed the gathering and explained the main objectives of the public hearing. He pointed out that all the information w.r.t. public hearing has already been published in the daily News Papers for the knowledge of the public. Further, he stated that the authority had already requested the public to give their opinion through writing and orally during public hearing. He requested the public to maintain discipline and offer their views during the public hearing process and requested Sri Mohanty, ADM, BBSR to preside over the meeting.

  
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❖ Sri Mohanty, ADM delivered his welcome address and explained the objective as well as necessity of the public hearing and the procedure of conducting the public hearing as per the EIA Notification. He stated that a ropeway will be made in Nandankanan for which govt. has made this public hearing. He requested the public to maintain discipline while giving their views which will be recorded by the PCB officials in writing and by video and will be sending to MoEF. He further requested the project proponent to place in brief about the proposed project for the knowledge of the public.

❖ **Sri Dharendra Singh, EIA Coordinator (M/s. Epsilon Projects Pvt. Ltd.)**, addressed on behalf of M/s. Damodar Ropeway & Infra Ltd, welcomed the gathering and gave a brief description about the proposed project. He reported that the Nandankanan Authority gave permission for establishment of ropeway of 650 mtrs length & the total cost of proposed project is 805 lakh (8.5 Crore). He briefed about the technical parameters such as capacity of the facility - 400 PPH, Nos. of tower -2 (to be installed), Nos. of group-4, Nos. of cabin per group 3, cabin capacity- 4 seater, total no. of cabin-12, power requirement - 100 Kw, backup power (2 nos. of DG sets of 300 KVA for LTP & 20 KVA for UTP), additional 75 HP Automobile Engine for rescue operations. He further appraised that 400 persons can enjoy the trip at a time and all types of security options and baseline data has already been done. He also reported that the air, water and soil testing has already been done as per the requirement of the project and it will also be done half yearly basis as per environment management plan. He reported that all 37 TOR conditions have been fulfilled. He also highlighted the details of the project benefits to be accrued to the nearby inhabitants in the event of establishment and operation of the proposed project.

❖ **Sri Biswa Ranjan Mishra, Manager-HR & Admin of M/s. Damodar Ropeway & Infra Ltd.** translated Sri Das's speech in Odia language and expressed to the public.

❖ **Again Sri Dharendra Singh** reported that highly skilled manpower be kept for the rescue operation. Local skilled personnel will be engaged for this purpose.

❖ Thereafter, ADM, Bhubaneswar requested the public to present their views about the proposed project.

**About 10 nos. of villagers have expressed their opinion regarding the proposed project.**

**The views expressed by various speakers are as follows:**

**1. Sri Subash Chandra Patra, Raghunathpur :**

He welcomed the gathering. He asked the project proponent regarding the safety measures to be taken during the operation of the ropeway activity. Further, he suggested that the area covered under no boating zone should be kept clean from weeds and there should be provisions of rescue team with boat to meet the emergent / accidental situation.

**2. Sri Kunal Rout, Raghunathpur (Zillaparishad- 30 nos. word) :**

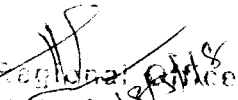
He expressed his views regarding the installation of ropeway system at Nandankanan. He expressed thanks to the proponent for establishing the ropeway facility in Nandankanan Zoological Park which will encourage tourism. He suggested that the project proponent should make provision for adequate safety measures and to give employment to the local people.

**3. Sri Jagabandhu Patra, Raghunathpur:**

He expressed his support and appreciated the project. He further suggested for proper security measures.

**4. Sri Soumendra Tripathy, Raghunathpur:**

He welcomed the project to be executed by M/s. Damodar ropeway Infra Ltd. He stated that guides helped a lot in attracting tourists to the ropeway and requested to provide some benefits for them. He also requested the project proponent and ADM to engage some of the guides of

  
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Nandankanan for the said project. He said that they have actively participated in prevention of polythene, wrap covers of chips & kurkure etc to make the environment clean and it should be ensured properly by the project team. Further he asked to give attention towards safety & security, arrangement of speed boat and suggested that project proponent should make provision for death benefits/ accidental benefits/ insurance to the victim, in case any accident occurs during operation of the ropeway system.

**5. Smt. Jhuna Rout, Raghunathpur:**

She expressed her heartiest support for the proposed project. She stated that the project should give employment to the local people and suggested to make the provision for insurance of the person for the accident.

**6. Sri Debendranath Sahoo, Dadhapatna :**

Expressed his pleasure as the ropeway will soon be started. Keeping in view of the accidental deaths in Deradun ropeway incident occurred last year, he requested the proponent to make all arrangements for preventive measures for the accidents and also to be watchful to avoid the accidents like falling of trees during ropeway operation.

**7. Sri Balaram Rout, Raghunathpur:**

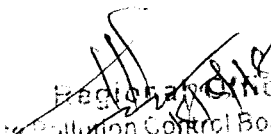
He welcomed the project and requested to provide employment to the local people.

**8. Sri Madan Marandi, Churanga:**

He stated that the project should ensure visitor's safety & security and to make provision for insurance upon accidental cases. He stated that, Nandankanan is an enjoyment area where other items like ropeway be added to make it more tourist attractive.

**9. Smt. Jayanti Bhoi, Raghunathpur:**

She welcomed the project and requested to provide employment to the local people.

  
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## 10. Sri Ratnakar Parida, Raghunathpur:


He appreciated the work of project proponent and requested to provide employment to the local people of Raghunathpur Grama Panchayat.

### Observation:

Sri Hadibandhu Panigrahy, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar requested the proponent to clarify on the concern expressed by the public on employment generation, safety measures during operation of the passenger ropeway system etc. Mr. Mohanty, ADM requested the project proponent to say details on 3 to 4 aspects such as safety/ preventive measures, cleaning of boating zone, falling of tree during cyclones, to impart proper training to local people for their engagement in the project.

Sri Dharendra Singh consultant of M/s. Damodar Ropeway & Infra Ltd. assured the public gathered in the hearing to provide engagement to some local people and to take proper security & safety measures. He stated that they will provide skilled security guards. There will be controller at both the end of the ropeway. Regarding vertical rescue operation, rescue boats with life jackets shall be provided in the lake for rescue operation during emergency. They will clean the no boating zone regularly etc. He assured that there will be no problems of rescue during operational activity of ropeway facility.

Mr. Hrudananda Nayak, Residents site coordinator of M/s. Damodar Ropeway & Infra Ltd. reported that this company is operating since last 47 years throughout Asian continent and outside without any records of accident. He reported that the company will give Rs. 2 lakh of insurance coverage. Polythene checking will be done at the entrance to prevent using the same.

  
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Sri Panigrahy, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha: Bhubaneswar and representative of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concern expressed by the speakers. The proceeding was read over to the audience at the end of the meeting explaining the content in the Odia language and agreed the minutes of the public hearing meeting prepared in English language and requested Sri Mohanty, ADM, Bhubaneswar to place his concluding remarks.

As per the query of Mr. S. Tripathy (speaker no.4), Mr. Hrudananda Nayak clarified on behalf of the proposed project that for any minor injury Rs. 2 lakhs life insurance coverage is there and that for death of passenger, Rs. 5 lakhs will be given.


The ADM, Bhubaneswar, the President of the public hearing meeting ratified the minutes of the meeting as per the views of public. He said that Nandankanan has its own reputation and is known all over India as a large zoological park. The installation of ropeway project is appreciated by all present in the public hearing meeting. He urged upon the project proponent to ensure that, necessary safety measures shall be taken to prevent any occurrence of accident. He suggested the project proponent to engage the local people, if possible, after imparting proper training.

The entire process of public hearing was video recorded. The list of participants who expressed their views is enclosed in **Annexure- I.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

  
Sri Hadibandhu Panigrahy,  
Regional Officer, State Pollution Control  
Board, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Assisted as representative of State Pollution  
Control Board, Odisha.

  
Sri Manoj Kumar Mohanty, OAS  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Bhubaneswar, Dist.-Khordha, Odisha.  
Add. District Magistrate  
Presided and supervised the public  
hearing meeting.