

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING IN RESPECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF BAIDESWAR SAND GHAT OF M/s. MINAKSHI PRADHAN FOR PRODUCTION OF RIVER SAND OF CAPACITY 94,120 CUM/ANNUM OVER MINING LEASE AREA OF 13.355 HECTARE OR 33.00 ACRES AT PATUGADADHARPUR VILLAGE UNDER BANKI TAHASIL OF CUTTACK DISTRICT**

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The Public Hearing meeting in respect of environmental impact assessment of Baidesar Sand Ghat of M/s. Minakshi Pradhan for production of river sand of capacity 94,120 cum/annum over mining lease area of 13.355 hectare or 33.00 acres at Patugadadharpur village under Banki tahasil of Cuttack district was held at the scheduled venue & time i.e. on 7.12.2020 (11.30 am) at the Gram Panchayat Office, Baidesar in Cuttack district, Odisha with reference to:

1. EIA Notification S. O. 1533(E) dated 14.09.2006.
2. Interim Operational Guidelines.

**The Panel consists of the following members:**

1. Sri Purna Chandra Mishra, OAS (S), Additional District Magistrate, Cuttack
2. Dr. Sohan Giri, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Cuttack

At the outset, welcoming the members participating in the meeting presided over by the Additional District Magistrate, Cuttack, the Representatives of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, gave a brief introduction about the guidelines to be followed for the public hearing in the light of EIA Notification, 2006 and interim operational guidelines till date, in respect of project proposed by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan.

Welcoming the public, Dr. Sohan Giri, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Cuttack, explained the views, comments, objections and opinions of the public are necessary while considering the environmental clearance of the project. He asked the project proponent to make a brief presentation before the public gathered in the meeting about the various aspects of the proposed project to be undertaken for better awareness of the public.

Sri Jitendra Pradhan, Son of the project proponent i.e. Smt. Minakshi Pradhan, addressed the committee members and the assembled public and made a brief presentation about the salient features of the proposed project, environmental management, pollution control



measures, waste management, afforestation programme and various other CSR activities envisaged in the proposed project.

Then Dr. Giri, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Cuttack requested the public to give their views, comments, objections and opinions on the proposed project.

**The following speakers gave their views on the above said project, which is given as follows:**

**1. Sri Rabinarayan Mangaraj, Baideswar**

He welcomed the dignitaries present on the dais and the public of Baideswar G.P. He informed that he was very happy to speak that earlier no such type of public meeting was held and now he thanked the administration department for organizing the public hearing meeting and spoke that it would have been better if the public hearing meeting would have been conducted before the said sand ghat auctioning process. He informed that the son of Smt. Minati Pradhan has already spoken about the measure to be taken for the environment and as already auction has been held, so now they should do the mining work taking safeguard measure of the environment and they do not have any objection. He informed that now permission will be given to the Baideswar Ghat but already another sand ghat is operating in the western side of the village and requested the Tahasildar, Banki to demark the quarry area and other route charts because since two sand ghat will be operated in the same area for which there will be more environmental impact. He asked the Project proportion to take the village into their consideration and do the mining work and asked the district administration to again look into the matter.

He asked the project proportion to also render economic help to their village as per the government provisions. He asked the project proposal to take all the pollution control measures as well as to obey all other government rules. He favored the project as per the report presented on the environment issues by the project proposals and finally thanked the public.

**2. Sri Prasanna Kumar Routray**

He welcomed the dignitaries present on the dais, media persons, public representatives and the public of their Panchayat. He informed that since last 15-20 years, sand mining is being done from Baidwesar area and the project proponent have spoken about the project



and the government norms to be followed. But due to vehicle movement in the 15 km radius and since many more vehicles will be running in the congested road after the mine operates, which will create inconvenience and there will be more accidents and also asked the government to look into the road infrastructure and its development. He informed that the road leading from Mahanadi river bed to the main road which is narrow and special efforts should be taken for improvement of the same. This area is a tourism and holy place, so care should be taken for the movement of the general public on the road.

He raised another issue mentioning that the sand mining is also done from Kaligiri area which is an agricultural land area and farmers are dependent on it. The Tahasildar and Government should look into the issues like soil erosion which is occurring in the water stream leading from Kaligiri to Mahanadi river and the mouth of the nallah is being chocked at various time and farmers are facing water shortage during the rabi season, and special attention should be given to it. He asked to administration to specify the amount of royalty to be sanctioned in favor for the development of the village, so that people will be developed economically. The connecting road should be widened from the river ghat to the main connecting road so that the project will be continue and sustainable planning shall be done for their area and also plantation to be undertaken in the surrounding.

**3. Sri Dhruba Charan Sahu, Baideswar**

He welcomed the dignitaries present on the dais and the public of their Panchayat. He informed that apart from the earlier issue raised by the previous speakers, he has another two point to address. He informed that, earlier he was the Headmaster of Baideswarpatna School and informed that there were 160 students and there was no government road to their school. Later a government road was provided but now the same has been encroached by some people. An agreement was also made between the people who had encroached the road with the Tahasildar, Banki but till date the encroachment has not been removed and houses has come up and people are facing a lot of difficulties. He asked the district administration to look into the issue.



4. **Smt. Sulochana Rana, PS Member, Baideswar GP**

She informed that she has no objection with the grant of the auctioned sand mine to the project proponent, but she and the people have a small request that during the opening of the school and during the time of the movement of the students in the road, the vehicle movement carrying sand and the mining sand ghat shall be stopped, so that the students are not affected by the project.

5. **Sri Suranjan Panda, Baideswar**

He welcomed the dignitaries present on the dais and the public present at the meeting. He informed that the Baideswar sand ghat is being auction since last 50 years and now about 4-5 years the auction has been suspended. Earlier no public hearing meeting was held for the Environmental Clearance and now it's a welcomed issue. He informed that sand is a primary raw material for building, road and government related works, and due to stopping of the ghat they have to purchase at a high cost from different areas. He supported the earlier speaker and informed that road widening, plantation and steps should be taken to stopping fugitive dust emission during transportation of vehicle from the said ghat as per the commitment mad by the project proposal. They have no objection if the permission is given to the project proponent, so that the people do not face problem during their construction work. He asked the administration to highlight about the fund to be utilized under the CSR activities for the people.

6. **Sri Prafulla Kumar Sahoo, Baideswar**

He welcomed the dais and the people and spoke that, they have no objection and they support M/s. Minakshi Pradhan for the sand mining project.

7. **Sri Maheswar Mohapatra, Baideswar**

He welcomed the dignitaries present on the dais, media persons, public representatives and the public of their Panchayat. He informed that, he was happy because for the first time such a public hearing meeting was held for environment which is welcomed and commendable. He informed that due to this meeting the general public came to know regarding pollution causes due to mining and what measures will be taken by the project proponent and the Government. He informed that the project proponent will do the mining work and go away, but they have to suffer to the road damaged by them which they have



built under difficult situation. So he request to the administration and the project proponent to look into the road maintenance. During the time of school students movement after the school reopens the heavy vehicle should be stopped and divert through another route and the students should not get affected which shall be monitored by the Government. Finally he said that he and the people have no objection if the mining is done by M/s. Manakshi Pradhan.

**8. Sri Santosh Kumar Patra, Baidesar**

He informed that the sand ghat has been auctioned to M/s. Manakshi Pradhan and they no problem and favours the project.

**9. Sri Rashmi Ranjan Narendra, Notary**

He informed that they have no objection and said that by the project they will be benefitted economically and various developmental works like the road and other infrastructure will be done and the village should support the project proponent. He has no objection and favours the project.

**10. Sri Sudarsana Dehuri, Baidesar**

He has no objection against the auctioned sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan and asked the project proponent to do the mining work properly.

**11. Sri Susanta Palei, Baidesar**

He informed that the Government representatives should first visit the spot and see that the location where the sand is to be lifted and what effect will be there on tourism as that area has been declared as a tourism area since January, 2012. He asked the District Administration should first visit the site and then allow for sand lifting.

**12. Sri Rabindra Kumar Sahoo, Baidesar**

He spoke that he has no objection against the auctioned sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan and favours the project.



**13. Sri Ajay Singh, Baideswar**

He spoke that, they has no objection against the auction sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan.

**14. Sri Ashru Nayak, Baideswar**

He spoke that he is happy about the project of M/s. Minakshi Pradhan and favours the project.

**15. Smt. Susama Dei**

She spoke that she has no objection against the auctioned sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan and favours the project.

**16. Sri Manoj Kumar Sarangi, Baideswar**

He spoke that, he has no objection against the auctioned sand ghat and favours the project.

**17. Sri Pratap Mohapatra, Molisahi, Bhubaneswar**

He spoke that, he has no objection against the sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan and favours the project.

**18. Smt. Janaki Nayak, Baideswar**

She said that the sand quarry should be allowed in favour of M/s. Minakshi Pradhan.

**19. Smt. Urmila Sahoo, Baideswar**

She said that, she has no objection and favours the project and pray God for proper functioning of the sand quarry.



**20. Sri Balaram Kar, Baideswar**

He spoke that, he has no objection against the sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan.

**21. Sri Gokulananada Khatua, Baideswar**

He spoke that, he has no objection against the auctioned sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan and the project proponent should look after the maintenance of the road.

**22. Sri Biranchi Mandhata, Baideswar**

He spoke that, he has no objection against the sand ghat and favours the project.

**23. Sri Joginath Samantray, Baideswar**

He spoke that, he has no objection against the sand ghat taken by M/s. Minakshi Pradhan and favours the project.

**24. Sri Sanjiv Kumar Dalei, Baideswar**

He informed that, he favours the project since the sand mine has already been auction to them for which the project proponent shall take proper steps for vehicle movement and road maintenance.

Dr. Sohan Giri, Regional Officer asked the Project Proponent to present their commitments to the people with respect to the demands raised by the public at the public hearing meeting. Sri Jitendra Pradhan for M/s. Minakshi Pradhan committed that (i) all mining works will be done as per the government rule and regulations, (ii) the connecting road from the sand ghat to the main road will be repaired and maintained, (iii) plantation of fruit trees will be done in the surrounding area, (iv) the movement of vehicle carrying sand from the ghat to the main road will be stopped during the movement time of school students and (v) they will carry out various village development work as per their economic capacity. He lastly requested the villagers to cooperate in the venture undertaken by them.



Then Sri R. K. Jena, Sub Collector, Banki cleared out some confusions and information required by the public present at the meeting like demarcation of the quarry area by posting pillar, provisions for providing Sign Board with details information about the sand quarry, financial assistance by the Government, Royalty of 10% to be collected and transferred to D.M.F Fund, grant of fund after meeting with RDC, Central Division, Cuttack and fund utilization according to villagers demand, maintenance of road will be done as agreed to be made to avoid accidents and during school timing the movement of transportation vehicle will be stopped.

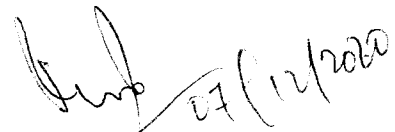
Then Dr. Sohan Giri, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Cuttack prepared the summary of the public hearing proceedings accurately reflecting the views and concerns expressed by the speakers with the inclusion of comments of the applicant. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicant, prepared in Odia and English languages are annexed separately. Seven numbers of representation letters was also received in the meeting in favour of the project which is also annexed .

Then the President of Public Hearing meeting, Sri Purna Chanda Mishra, Additional District Magistrate, Cuttack spoke on public hearing meeting held and thanked the people for rendering their co-operation for smooth operation of the public hearing and finally ratified the minutes of meetings with the views and demands of the public. He informed the public that the proceedings will be sent to the Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar who will again send all the documents to the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Bhubaneswar where a high level committee will decide and take decision for grant of the above project proposal. Finally he ratified the minutes of meetings with the views and demands of public.

The meeting was ended with thanks to the chair.



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State Pollution Control Board,  
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*(Assisted as representative of  
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*(Presided and Supervised  
the Public Hearing Meeting)*



**STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON 7.12.2020 (11.30 AM) AT THE GRAM PANCHAYAT OFFICE, BAIDESWAR IN CUTTACK DISTRICT FOR BAIDESWAR SAND GHAT OF M/s. MINAKSHI PRADHAN FOR PRODUCTION OF RIVER SAND OF CAPACITY 94,120 CUM/ANNUM OVER MINING LEASE AREA OF 13.355 HECTARE OR 33.00 ACRES AT PATUGADADHARPUR VILLAGE UNDER BANKI TAHASIL OF CUTTACK DISTRICT**

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC	COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT
<p>The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Road maintenance</li> <li>❖ Plantation</li> <li>❖ Peripheral Development</li> <li>❖ Movement of sand transportation vehicles</li> </ul>	<p>Sri Jitendra Pradhan for M/s. Minakshi Pradhan committed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) all mining works will be done as per the government rule and regulations,</li> <li>(ii) the connecting road from the sand ghat to the main road will be repaired and maintained,</li> <li>(iii) plantation of fruit trees will be done in the surrounding area,</li> <li>(iv) the movement of vehicle carrying sand from the ghat to the main road will be stopped during the movement time of school students and</li> <li>(v) they will carry out various village development work as per their economic capacity</li> </ul>



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