

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 15.04.2021(AT 11.00 AM) AT VILLAGE MURUSUAN KHATA NO. 143 (RAKHIT), PLOT NO. 986 WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF M/S ORISSA SPONGE IRON & STEEL LIMITED FOR ESTABLISHING A GREENFIELD PROJECT OF 3.85 MTPA THROUGHPUT IRON ORE BENEFICIATION PLANT, 2.0 MTPA PELLET PLANT AND 5X15000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/HOUR PRODUCER GAS PLANT AT VILLAGE PALASPANGA IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE.**

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The public hearing in respect of the project proposed by M/s Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Limited for establishing a Greenfield Project of 3.85 MTPA throughput Iron Ore Beneficiation Plant, 2 MTPA Pellet Plant and 5x15000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/hour producer gas plant at Palaspanga held on scheduled date & time at Khata no. 143 (Rakhit), Plot No. 986 in village Murusuan in the district of Keonjhar with reference to:

I. EIA Notification S.O 1533 (E) Dtd. 14.09.2006 and Amendments thereafter

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

1. Shri Santosh Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, Odisha
2. Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, Odisha

Shri Santosh Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, Odisha, supervised & presided over the public hearing process and was assisted by Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, the representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

At the outset, welcoming the members participated in the meeting, the Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, 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 the project proposed by M/s Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Limited and also guidelines to be followed in COVID-19 pandemic restrictions issued by the MoEF & CC, Govt. of India as well as Govt. of Odisha.

Shri Behera explained that 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. On behalf of the Project Proponent, Shri Pruthwiraj Pattnaik, General Manager (Corporate Affairs) addressed the committee members and assembled public, and made a brief presentation about the salient features of the proposed project, environmental management, pollution control measures, waste management and various other CSR activities envisaged in the proposed project.

Then Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar requested the public to give their views, comments, objections and opinions on the proposed project.

**The views expressed by various speakers on the proposed project are as follows:**

**1. Sri Sanjay Kumar Naik, Sarpanch Palaspanga G.P.:**

While supported the proposed project, he expressed his happiness for having a green field Project by M/s. Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Ltd. Further, he requested for providing educational institute, taking care of environmental measure, employment and support to the cultural activities.

**2. Sri Srikanta Mahanta, Ex-Sarpanch, Palaspanga:**

Even though he supported the project proposed by M/s Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Limited, he has doubt in his mind about implementation of various demands and facilities promised by the company. He expressed that with the operation of the Greenfield Project, Company should provide employment and health care facilities to the local villagers. He also requested the Company Management to fulfill all the demands.

**3. Sri Anadi Charan Pradhan, Saraskola :**

While supporting the proposed project, he expressed happiness that on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 1980, Orissa Sponge Iron Limited came into existence and today is 15<sup>th</sup> April which is a coincidence. The company did not take adequate environmental measures. He requested the present management to take care of adequate environmental measures. Further, he demanded for free medical, free ambulance facility for this area and also providing ambulance immediately as and when required if any accident occurs. Further he demanded to provide fertilizer and seeds to the farmer of this locality. At the same time he expressed his concern that due to dust pollution people are suffering from various diseases, for which proper medical treatment to be extended to the affected people.

**4. Sri Purna Chandra Sahani, PS member:**

While supported the proposed project, he first gave his compliments for New Year to the Palaspanga G.P. people. He also told that today they are very happy that Public Hearing is being conducted here for the 3 (three) numbers of Projects for M/s. Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Ltd. He told that for every project there are some merits and demerits. He stated that due to the sudden closure of the Plant, people have faced lot of difficulties, lost their employment, facing educational problem. He further expressed that Company Management should take care of massive plantation in this area and take adequate pollution control measures. In addition, he suggested the Company to ensure safety measures of the Plant operation. Also he expressed his view that direct and indirect employment opportunities will be generated with the operation of the Project.



5. **Sri Ratha Munda: Zilla Parisad Member, Gobardhan:**

While supporting the proposed project, he welcome and expressed his happiness mentioning that the closed Plant is re-opening. He requested the Management to open the Plant suitably. He further informed that in past he has experienced that commitment of the Company are different in pen and paper but in ground reality, commitments are not fulfilled, for example, in case of MSP Steel Plant, regular complaints is being raised by the local villagers , in turn, we are putting the same in the office of Collector, Keonjhar. This should not be happened in this case and there should not be any irregularities by the Company. He also demanded that massive plantation should be done as a pollution control measure on priority basis by the Company.

6. **Sri Bharat Chandra Pradhan, Palaspanga :**

Supporting the proposed project, he expressed his happiness and told that a green field plant is coming to this area for which definitely they will be benefited. He expressed his unhappiness informed that M/s Brand Steel Limited conducted Palli Sabha but till date did not fulfill their commitments for this area and requested to District Administration to look into it.

7. **Sri Indramani Mohanta, Murusuan:**

While supporting the proposed project, he told that, they all are satisfied with the upcoming project. He demanded that Employment, Educational facility and drinking water facility should be provided by the Company. In addition, he expressed his concern that, after closure of the Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Ltd., the outstanding Provident Fund and Gratuity money has not been paid by the Company to the ex-employees. Necessary arrangement for payment of the aforesaid outstanding dues should be paid immediately.

8. **Sri Duryadhan Naik, Murusuan:**

While supporting the Project, he expressed his concern that the green field project will be established near Sajabeda M.I. Project. He requested the Management of the Company to ensure no loss to the farmers and their agriculture. Further, he demanded that Lift Irrigation facilities in Ardai River to be provided by the Company for agriculture purpose.

9. **Sri Gajendra Naik, Palaspanga:**

He expressed his happiness for the re-opening of the Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Limited plant which is closed since long. He demanded for employment to the local youths. He further told that in view of operation of plant, employment opportunities will be generated, but the Company should ensure that there is no problem for the workers in future. In the past, he observed that no proper wages is given to the workers. Hence, he requested the Company to ensure proper wages to be paid to the workers on regular basis. Further, he expressed that poor people of this area can not take care of their health, hence requested to provide health care facility through Sarpanch or Ward Member.

**10. Sri Lamodhar Mohanta, Murusuan:**

While supporting the proposed project, he stated that the unemployed youths are in very miserable condition in the locality. They also kept hope for employment when M/s. Arcelor Mittal declared to open a Steel Plant, which could not be set up. However, he demanded employment, agricultural facility, Fertilizer and seeds to be provided by M/s Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Limited Management. Once-again, he supported for the Green Field Project and Gas plant proposed by the Company.

**11. Smt. Lilabati Mahanta, Naik Sarpanch, Palaspanga GP:**

Supporting the proposed project of the Company, she told that in past the various companies have cheated us in this area and she demanded that this should not happen further for the forthcoming project.

**12. Soudamani Naik, Saraskola :**

While supporting the project, he stated that due to plant operation dust is generated and requested to provide facilities like drinking water, road, employment to unemployed youths.

**13. Manjulata Mahanta, Murusuan :**

Supporting the proposed project, she requested to fulfill the demand put before the company authority by previous speakers.

**14. Smt Sabitri Naik, Murusuan :**

While supporting the project, she requested for a room for training purpose for SHG group. She also requested for providing facilities like health camp, measures for controlling the dust pollution, donation to poor girl for their marriage purpose and make green cover by massive tree plantation.

**15. Smt Jasoda Sethy, Saraskola :**

Supporting the Green field project, she requested to extend facilities to SHG Group mothers, drinking water, road and medical facility.

**16. Laxmi kanta Pradhan, Palaspanga:**

While supporting the project, he expressed his happiness for reopening of the plant. He told that it is their duty to make this plant run simultaneously its duty of company authority to see all their interest.

17. **Smt Rani Naik, Saraskola:**

She demanded for facilities for SHG Group, water sprinkling to control dust pollution, employment to the locals for their livelihood and supply of drinking water.

18. **Subrat Kumar Pradhan, Palaspanga:**

He supported the project proposed by M/s Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Limited.

19. **Bhabagrahi Mahanta, Murusuan :**

While supporting the proposed project, he expressed his grief that many Companies have set up their industries here and all gave lots of assurances but did not fulfill their commitment. He also told that one under construction water tank since long time by M/s. Brand Steel, but till date the job has not completed. I request the company authority for developmental jobs practically not in pen and paper. He also requested to give employment to the ITI, Diploma and Degree holders and preference needs to be given to the local.

20. **Shantilata Mahanta, Nuagao, Palaspanga :**

She welcomes the proposed project and at the same time requested to give compensation to land losers. She also requested to give more care on education and road etc.

21. **Fakir Charan Naik, Jamudiha :**

Unemployed boys and girls should be given employment. He requested to take steps for education facility and good road conditions, health care, drinking water facility etc.

22. **Mangal Majhi, Murusuan :**

Supporting the proposed project, he expressed his happiness for resurrection of the Company after 1980. He requested for taking care of afforestation programme in the stretch land of 12,000 Ha. in Tangrani area. He requested for revival of lift irrigation at Sajabeda village. He also requested for permanent employment.

The Panel received **02 nos.** of written representations of the local people demanding different facilities in the locality during the hearing which are enclosed herewith in original.

**Observation:**

The overall opinion of the public about the proposed expansion project was favorable. However, the local people have some aspirations as laid down in their deliberations.

Shri Puskar Chandra Behera, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar & representative of State Pollution Control Board, Odisha 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 applicants, read over to the audience at the end of the proceedings explaining the contents in Odia language and the agreed minutes of public hearing meeting is prepared. The statement of issues and concerns of public with the comments of applicants, prepared in Odia and English language is annexed as per Annexure – I & II. List of participants is annexed as per Annexure – III.

The President of Public Hearing, Shri Santosh Kumar Nayak, Additional District Magistrate, Keonjhar, Odisha ratified the minutes of meetings with the views and demands of public. He extended his vote of thanks to the public for rendering their co-operation for smooth operation of the public hearing.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and the participants.

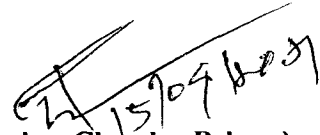


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*(Presided and Supervised  
the Public Hearing Meeting)*

**Additional District Magistrate**

**KEONJHAR**



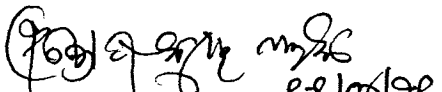
(Shri Puskar Chandra Behera)  
Regional Officer, Keonjhar,  
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*(Assisted as representative of  
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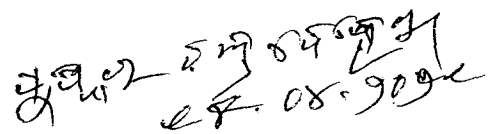
ମେସର୍ସ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଞ୍ଜ ଆଇରନ୍ ଏବଂ ଷ୍ଟିଲ୍ ଲିମିଟେଡ୍ ଓଡ଼ିଶାର କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ପଳାଶପଲ୍ଲୀ ଠାରେ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ଗ୍ରାମଫିଲ୍ଡ ପ୍ରୋଜେକ୍ଟ୍ ୩.୮୫ ଏମ୍.ଟି.ପି.ଏ ପ୍ରୋପୁଜ୍ ଆଇରନ୍ ଓର୍ ବେନିଫିସିଏସନ୍ ଏବଂ ଉତ୍ପାଦନ ଗ୍ୟାସ୍ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ (୫x୧୫୦୦୦ Nm<sup>3</sup>/ଘଣ୍ଟା) ସହିତ ୨.୦ ଏମ୍.ଟି.ପି.ଏ ପେଲେଟ୍ ପ୍ଲାଣ୍ଟ ନିମନ୍ତେ ଭାରତ ସରକାରଙ୍କ ପରିବେଶ, ଜଙ୍ଗଲ ଏବଂ ଜଳବାୟୁ ପରିବର୍ତ୍ତନ ମନ୍ତ୍ରଣାଳୟ ଦ୍ଵାରା ପରିବେଶୀୟ ମଞ୍ଜୁରୀ ନିମନ୍ତେ ତା ୧୫.୦୪.୨୦୨୧ ରିଖ ଦିବା ୧୧.୦୦ ଘଟିକା ସମୟରେ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରୀୟ ଜିଲ୍ଲା ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ମୁରୁସୁଆଁ ଗ୍ରାମ (ଖାତା ନଂ ୧୪୩ (ରଖ୍ତ) ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ପୁଲ୍ ନଂ ୯୮୭) ଠାରେ ଅନୁଷ୍ଠିତ ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣୀରେ ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ଵାରା ଉତ୍ଥାପିତ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଓ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ କର୍ତ୍ତୃପକ୍ଷଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ।

ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କ ଦ୍ଵାରା ଉଠାଯାଇଥିବା ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ	ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସାରକଙ୍କ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି
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ଅନ୍ୟାନ୍ୟ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ	<p>ଶ୍ରୀ ସଂଜୀବ୍ କାପୁର, ନିର୍ବାହୀ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଷକ ମେସର୍ସ ଓଡ଼ିଶା ସଞ୍ଜ ଆଇରନ୍ ଏବଂ ଷ୍ଟିଲ୍ ଲିମିଟେଡ୍ ସର୍ବସାଧାରଣ ଶୁଣାଣିରେ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ରହି କରିଥିଲେ ଯେ, ଗ୍ରାମ ପାଞ୍ଚାୟତ ଅଫିସରେ ପ୍ରତି ତିନି ମାସରେ ଥରେ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀ ମାନଙ୍କ ସହିତ ଆଲୋଚନା କରି ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀ ମାନଙ୍କ ଦ୍ୱାରା ଉତ୍ଥାପିତ ପ୍ରସଙ୍ଗ ଗୁଡ଼ିକର ସମାଧାନ ପାଇଁ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନେବେ । ସମସ୍ତ ସମସ୍ୟାର ସମାଧାନ ପାଇଁ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଜନସାଧାରଣଙ୍କୁ କିଛି ସମୟ ଦେବା ପାଇଁ ଅନୁରୋଧ କରିଥିଲେ ।</p>
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 (ଶ୍ରୀ ସଙ୍କୋଷ କୁମାର ନାୟକ)

ଅତିରିକ୍ତ ଜିଲ୍ଲାପାଳ, କେନ୍ଦୁଝର  
 Additional District Magistrate  
 KEONJHAR

  
 (ଶ୍ରୀ ପୁଷ୍କର ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ବେହେରା)

ଆଞ୍ଚଳିକ ଅଧିକାରୀ ରାଜ୍ୟ ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣ  
 ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣ ବୋର୍ଡ, କେନ୍ଦୁଝର, ଓଡ଼ିଶା  
 Regional Officer  
 State Pollution Control Board, Odisha  
 Keonjhar




Annexure-II


STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND DEMANDS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 15.04.2021(AT 11.00 AM) AT VILLAGE MURUSUAN, KHATA NO. 143 (RAKHIT), PLOT NO. 986 WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF M/S ORISSA SPONGE IRON & STEEL LIMITED FOR ESTABLISHING A GREENFIELD PROJECT OF 3.85 MTPA THROUGHPUT IRON ORE BENEFICIATION PLANT, 2.0 MTPA PELLET PLANT AND 5X15000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/HOUR PRODUCER GAS PLANT AT VILLAGE PALASPANGA IN THE DISTRICT OF KEONJHAR, ODISHA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE.

ISSUES RAISED BY PUBLIC	COMMITMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT
The issues raised at the public hearing meeting are the following:	Sri Pruthwiraj Pattnaik, General Manager (Corporate Affairs) M/s Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Ltd. committed to certain issues raised by the public (speakers), details of which is as under:
Employment	Sri Pruthwiraj Pattnaik committed that Priority for the employment to local people will be given by the Company.
Health & Ambulance	He told that Company will be provided Health care facility and Ambulance service to local villagers.
Plantation	He informed that Company is agreed to plant more trees.
Agriculture	For providing seeds and other amenities, the company management will sit together with villagers and solve the matter.
Lift Irrigation facility	He informed the public that, since it is a big project, the Company management will request the Govt. to look into the matter.
Pollution Control	He told that, Company will to take adequate measures for control of pollution in surrounding of project area.

Help to SHG group	Sri Pattnaik told that they will provide stitching training to the SHG group member.
Other issues	At the end Sri Sanjeev Kapoor, Executive Director of M/s Orissa Sponge Iron & Steel Limited informed to the villagers that they will have a quarterly meeting with Sarpanch in Gram Panchayat office to resolve their requirement/demand and request for which they requested for a room for conducting regular meeting. At the same time, he requested the gatherings to allow some time to settle all the issues.

  
 (Dr. Bhakta Charan Pradhan)  
 Additional District Magistrate,  
 Keonjhar

*(Presided and supervised the  
 public hearing meeting)*  
 Additional District Magistrate  
 KEONJHAR

  
 (Sri Puskar Chandra Behera)  
 Regional Officer,  
 State Pollution Control Board, Odisha  
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*(Assisted as representative of  
 State Pollution Control Board)*  
 Regional Officer  
 State Pollution Control Board, Odisha  
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