

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing in connection with the proposed quarrying of ordinary river Sand by Smt Jyothi Chouhan at Tungabhadra River Adjacent to Sy. No. 74,77,78, 79 and Ura Jaga 03 in Nagasamudra Village, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga District.

Date: 15-02-2022 at 11.00 AM

Place: Project site, Adjacent to Sy. No. 74,77,78, 79 and Ura Jaga 03 in Nagasamudra Village, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga District.

Public Hearing Panel Members Present:

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1	Dr. Selvamani R, I.A.S.	Deputy Commissioner and Presiding Officer of Environmental Public Hearing Panel, Shivamogga.
2	Sri.B.S.Muralidar	Regional Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga
2	Sri Y.S. Harishankar	Environmental Officer and Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel, KSPCB, Shivamogga

List of Officers Present:

1. Sri R. Ganesh, Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Shivamogga
2. Smt K. Shilpa, Deputy Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Shivamogga
3. Sri Naveen. A. Sr. Geologist, DMG, Shivamogga.
4. Sri Avinash. J. Geologist, DMG, Shivamogga.

I. List of project Proponent and Consultants present.

1. Smt Jyothi Chouhan, Project Proponent.
2. Sri Nithin Chouhan S/o Jyothi Chouhan, Musonal Village, Nyami Taluk, Davangere District.
3. Sri Ashwath Narayan, Environmental Consultant, Envipro Solutions, Bangalore.
4. Sri Sunil Envipro Group, Bangalore.
5. Sri Mohan, Envipro Group, Bangalore.

II List of Participants as per Attendance Register (Enclosed as Annexure-A).

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Sri Y.S. Harishankar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Shivamogga welcomed the Deputy Commissioner, Officials, representatives of Environmental Consultancy, Public and Media persons.

As per the guidelines stipulated in the EIA Notification, 2006 and further amendments, the Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled on 15-02-2022 and the same was published in leading news papers "Hosa Diganta" (Kannada) on 15-01-2022 and "The Times of India" (English) on 15-01-2022 and also published in local News paper "Bhadra vahini" on 19-01-2022.

The Regional Officer of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Shivamogga were apprised about public hearing required for the process to facilitate local residents, Environmentalist and the public who are directly or indirectly affected by the proposed project to submit their suggestions/objections/views/opinions/comments through E-mail/in writing to the presiding Officer of Environmental Public Hearing Panel (Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga District)/ Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Shivamogga or orally during the time of public hearing.

The copy of the EIA draft report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following Offices for references to the general public and requested the said Offices to submit the details of suggestions/ objections/ views/ opinions/ comments of the general public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga.
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Shivamogga.
3. Office of the Joint Director, District Industries Centre, Shivamogga
4. Office of the Executive Officer, Taluk Panchayat, Bhadravathi.
5. Office of the Village Panchayath, Mungote, Bhadravathi Tq. Shivamogga District.
6. The Regional Office, KSPCB, Shivamogga.
7. Office of the Regional Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
8. Ministry of Environment and Forest, South Zone Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru
9. Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru.

Sri Y.S. Harishankar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Shivamogga in his preamble said that Smt Jyothi Chouhan, Shivamogga District has proposed to carry out quarrying of Ordinary River sand of capacity 9,861 TPA in Tunga River Bed, Adjacent to Sy. No. 74,77,78, 79 and Ura Jaga 03 in Nagasamudra Village, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga District, Karnataka in a total area of 10.00 acres. The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from

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State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Govt. of Karnataka as per the EIA Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and further amendments and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing.

The Proponent has obtained Terms of Reference (TOR) from the State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Govt. of Karnataka vide no. SEIAA 105 MIN 2020, dated: 01.09.2020 and requested the Karnataka State pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on 29.11.2021 to conduct Environmental Public consultation/ Public Hearing.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, the Public Hearing was conducted on 15.02.2022 at 11.00 AM at Project site, Adjacent to Sy. No. 74,77,78, 79 and Ura Jaga 03 in Nagasamudra Village, Bhadravathi Taluk, Shivamogga District under the Chairmanship of Dr. Selvamani. R , Deputy Commissioner, Shivamogga District.

The Presiding Officer/Chairman informed the Environment Consultant to make presentation on the project including Environmental issues (Impact on Environment). On behalf of proposed project, Sri Ashwath Narayan, Environmental Consultant representing the M/s. Envipro Group, Bengaluru, explained the public about the proposed project of quarrying of natural sand through presentation. The Salient feature of the project, the Environmental base line data, present scenario of existing Environment in the project area, the impact of the project on the surrounding Environment, Environment Management Plan, Measures proposed to control/mitigate the Environmental Pollution and CSR activities. Further he has informed that, the activity will be carried out by open cast quarrying through semi mechanized method. The hard copy of the presentations made in the Public Hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-B**.

The Presiding Officer/Chairman informed the gathered public to express their views/opinions about the proposed project with respect to Environmental issues by submissions either in writing or orally. During the time of Public Hearing, Thirteen (13) persons expressed their views orally and are summarized as below.

1. **Sri Ganesh, Nagasamudra.**

He informed that there is no objection for proposed sand quarrying activity.

2. **Sri Mallesh A V, Nagasamudra, Guddadamahalli**

He informed that there is no objection for proposed sand quarrying activity.

3. **Sri Nagaraj Swamy, Nagasamudra**

He informed that if the proposed sand quarry is useful to the village then project can be allowed. The sand quarry shall be carried out without damaging the roads and village.

4. Sri Lokeshappa, Nagasamudra

He informed that there is no objection for sand quarry activity. They shall carry out sand quarrying activity without affecting public/villagers. For mining activity we will oppose it. The quarry will affect Bore wells and water. Further he informed that he will oppose the quarry activity.

5. Sri Girish, Nagasamudra

He informed that the agriculture lands are located adjacent to the quarry. It will be useful if minimum gap/distance of 100 feet is maintained.

6. Sri Shivaraj, Nagasamudra

The quarry will give employment to the people and it will help poor people.

7. Sri Ramappa, Nagasamudra

He requested the Deputy Commissioner to give permission for lifting the soil from River for their agriculture lands/horticulture lands. He also requested to give sand to local people for construction purpose on concession rate. The Deputy Commissioner Shivamogga informed the project proponent to examine and consider the request of the local people. The Project proponent agreed for the same.

8. Sri Malleshappa, Nagasamudra

He informed that they will not give permission to quarry from this place to downstream side and also he requested the Deputy Commissioner not to give permission on the said location. For sand also you should not give permission on this place. Houses are there on this side.

9. Sri Parameshappa, Nagasamudra

He also requested to give sand to the poor people at concession rate for construction purpose.

10. Sri Eshwaraiyah, Nagasamudra

He informed that the present stage location was dinne and on left side also about 50m area was eroded due to quarry activity. Due to sand quarry activity on either side of the bank has increased the width of the river. The large boulders and wooden logs will divert the river flow direction. About 50 to 100 houses are located on the bank of the river. Every year if river erodes then problem will be there for residential buildings. In 10 years we have to vacate the buildings. Elders have planted trees to protect the houses from flood and wind. Area should be fixed for mining. Deputy Commissioner informed that area for sand quarry will be earmarked with GPS readings. He instructed the DMG Officers to erect the pillar with colour paints.

11. Sri Malleshappa, Nagasamudra

He informed that there is no road facility for transportation of sand from sand quarrying area and the proponent shall make prior discussion with the villagers before transportation of the sand. The lease holder shall make prior discussion with the villagers otherwise it will affect badly.

12. Sri Mallesh A V, Gudadamahalli Nagasamudra, President of Madiga Meesalathi Okoota Samithi


He requested to make retaining wall to control any damages to the houses nearer the river beds and it also prevents soil erosion nearer river beds. He informed that lease is there for 5 years, hence retaining wall to be constructed to prevent erosion. The Deputy Commissioner Shivamogga informed that he will verify the details and budget and will take suitable action. The proponent has earmarked some fund for CSR and CER activity and he instructed the proponent to spend this fund for this activity.

13. Sri Danesh, Nagasamudra

The sand quarry shall be carried out only with the labours of this village and if they engage other people it will affect the livelihood of the villagers.

Finally the Presiding Officer informed that most of the people have not opposed the project but they have some demands like jobs for locals, bitumen road for transportation and protection for houses. The Pollution Control Board shall regularly monitor ambient air and noise. The Ground water monitoring shall be carried out and if any observation well is located nearby and its level shall be monitored. He informed that in the presentation they have mentioned the activity that will be carried out. Finally the Presiding Officer informed the public that, all the views, concerns and grievances expressed here are noted and the entire program has been video recorded and same would be made into CD's and the proceedings of this meeting as it is would be sent to Government for further action.

Thereafter, the Environmental Public Hearing was concluded with vote of thanks.


Deputy Commissioner and Presiding Officer of
Environmental Public Hearing Panel,
Shivamogga District,

