

**Proceedings of the Public hearing of the proposed building stone quarrying of capacity 5,35,114 TPA by M/s. Krishna & Company, Smt. J.G. Kavitha, Sri. D. Srinivas, M/s. Tavara Mining and Construction India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Shakthi Enterprises and M/s. Prabha Earth Movers in the land area of 49 Acres, 15 guntas at sy. No. 02, Purabyrenahalli (V), Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D)**

<b>Venue</b>	Sy. No. 02, Purabyrenahalli (V), Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D)
<b>Time</b>	11.00 A.M

<b><u>Officers present during the public hearing</u></b>	
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>
1.	Smt. R Latha, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Chickballpura District and chairman of the public hearing
2.	Smt. Rekha, Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore (East), Bangalore
3.	Smt Vijayalakshmi Environmental Officer Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Chikkaballapura.
4.	Sri. Rajeev B.S, Tahasildhar, Shidlaghatta
5.	Sri. Akram B, Geologist, Mines & Geology Department, Chikkaballapura

**Mining Owners and their representative present during the public hearing**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name and Designation</b>
1	Sri. D. Krishna, Owner M/s. Krishna & Company No. 09, Thammanayakanahalli, Kasaba (H), Anekal (T), Bangalore Dist - 562106
2	Smt. J.G. Kavitha, C/o. B. Yogesh Kumar, Lakshmi Block, HAF Post, Ganga Nagar, Bangalore Dist - 560024
3	Sri. D. Srinivas No. 164, Thammanayakanahalli, Kasaba (H), Anekal (T), Bangalore Dist - 562106

4	Sri. D. Krishna, Director M/s. Tavera Mining and Construction India Pvt. Ltd., No. 48, 100 feet ring road, 2 <sup>nd</sup> stage, Gigani Industrial Area Anekal (T), Bangalore Dist – 562106
5	Sri. Basavaraju R, Owner M/s. Shakthi Enterprises No. 01, Bathiyappa Building, Devasandra Main Road, Ayyappa Nagar, Bangalore Dist - 560036
6	Sri. Srinivas R, Owner M/s. Prabha Earth Movers No. 23, Opposite to Ashwath Katte Road, Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bangalore District – 560036.
7	Sri. Vinit N Nayak Functional Area Expert Horizon Ventures Bangalore
8	Sri. Sachin M. U Functional Area Expert Horizon Ventures Bangalore

The public, environmentalist, journalist from in and around the proposed building stone quarry of M/s. Krishna & Company, Smt. J.G. Kavitha, Sri. D. Srinivas, M/s. Tavera Mining and Construction India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Shakthi Enterprises and M/s. Prabha Earth Movers, sy. No. 02, Purabyrenahalli (V), Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D) and from various places of chikkaballapura district, elected representatives, members of non governmental organization and agriculturists were present in the public hearing.

**Attendance sheet is enclosed as Annexure – I**

**PREAMBLE:**

Proposed building stone quarry of capacity 5,35,114 TPA of M/s. Krishna & Company, Smt. J.G. Kavitha, Sri. D. Srinivas, M/s. Tavera Mining and Construction India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Shakthi Enterprises and M/s. Prabha Earth Movers in the land area of 49 Acres, 15 guntas is located at Sy. No. 02, Purabyrenahalli (V), Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D).

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification dated: 14/09/2006 and subsequent amendments issued under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate change (MoEF & CC) Government of India, the proponent is required to obtain Environmental clearance for the proposed building stone quarry of M/s. Krishna & Company, Smt. J.G. Kavitha, Sri. D. Srinivas, M/s. Tavera Mining

and Construction India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Shakthi Enterprises and M/s. Prabha Earth Movers, project is classified under category B1.

Accordingly, the application for combined TOR was submitted by quarry lease owner to SEIAA, Karnataka in order to prepare combined EIA report for grant of Environmental Clearance for M/s. Krishna & Company, Smt. J.G. Kavitha, Sri. D. Srinivas, M/s. Tavara Mining and Construction India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Shakthi Enterprises and M/s. Prabha Earth Movers (Form-1, Pre Feasibility report and approved quarry plan) for purabyrenahalli cluster of building stone quarries was considered vide proposal No. SIA/KA/MIN/46028/2019, SIA/KA/MIN/46041/2019, SIA/KA/MIN/46020/2019, SIA/KA/MIN/46033/2019, SIA/KA/MIN/46038/2019 and SIA/KA/MIN/46032/2019 respectively. The proposal was considered by SEAC Karnataka during its 235<sup>th</sup> SEAC meeting dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019. SEIAA, Karnataka issued combined Terms of Reference (TOR) for preparing EIA/EMP report and conducting public consultation vide its letter no. SEIAA 772 MIN 2019 dated 03.02.2020, SEIAA 773 MIN 2019 dated 03.02.2020, SEIAA 774 MIN 2019 dated 03.02.2020, SEIAA 775 MIN 2019 dated 03.02.2020, SEIAA 776 MIN 2019 dated 03.02.2020 & SEIAA 777 MIN 2019 dated 03.02.2020 respectively. As per these terms of reference Environmental impact assessment (EIA) study and Environmental public hearing is mandatory.

Owner of the quarry lease have submitted draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and EIA executive summary in Kannada and English prepared by the project consultant M/s. Horizon Ventures to the Member Secretary, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore on 19/10/2020 & 02/08/2021 requesting to conduct the Environmental Public hearing.

Also considering the request made by the project proponent, KSPCB requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura district, to suggest the suitable date, place and time for conducting Environmental Public Hearing. Owner of the quarry lease have submitted the letter to Deputy Commissioner enclosing the copy of the judgment order dated: 20/07/2021 issued by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka and requested to conduct the public hearing. Accordingly, the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura accorded consent to conduct the public hearing on 26/10/2021 at 11.00 AM at the project site. Based on the above, Member Secretary has notified "Environmental Public hearing by publishing in state level daily news papers namely Times of India and Hosa Digantha on 26/09/2021 inviting objections/suggestions/opinion/if any with regard to the proposed project within 30 days and also informing that the interested public can participate in the public hearing and express their views at the mentioned afore date, time & venue. In addition, the notification regarding public hearing was published in local news papers namely " E Munjane, Nandi Vijaya, Janarajya Pradeshika Dinapatrike, Kolar Prabha & Palar Patrike on 28/09/2021. In continuation with the above, the copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and executive summary of the proposed project in Kannada and English were kept at the following designated places for benefit of public.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura District, Chikkaballapura

- Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapur
- Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bangalore (East), Banagalore
- District Industries Centre, Chikkaballapura
- Senior Geologist, Mines & Geology Department, Chikkaballapura.
- Tahasildhar, Taluk Office, Shidlaghatta, Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D).
- Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D)
- Village Panchayat Office, Dibburhalli Gram Panchayath, Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D).
- Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Chikkaballapura.
- Help Desk, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

In addition to this a wide publicity was also given through public addressing system in and around the project area on 18/10/2021. Photographs taken during publicity drive on the above date are enclosed in **Annexure – II**.

After observing the statutory formalities as required under the notification, the Environmental public hearing was held on 26/10/2021 under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura at proposed project site of M/s. Krishna & Company, Smt. J.G. Kavitha, Sri. D. Srinivas, M/s. Tavara Mining and Construction India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Shakthi Enterprises and M/s. Prabha Earth Movers at sy. No. 02, Purabyrenahalli (V), Shidlaghatta (T), Chikkaballapura (D), Karnataka at 11.00 A.M.

**Proceedings of the public hearing:**

Smt. Vijayalakshmi, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, welcoming Deputy Commissioner, Chikkaballapura district to chair the meeting and conduct the process of public hearing and welcomed Smt. Rekha R, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Bangalore East. she also welcomed all the officers of the district, taluks, representative of the project proponent, elected representative, NGO's, representative of the Media and the public present in the meeting.

She brought to the notice of the gathered public about the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification dated: 14/09/2006 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. It was informed that all the procedures required under the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification 2006 and amendments there upon have been followed with.

She also requested the public to interact and discuss about the project and freely express their opinion in writing or orally during the hearing, which will be recorded and video graphed. She informed the project proponent to present the technical details of the proposed project.

Accordingly, power point presentation about the extent area of proposed project, present scenario w.r.to water, ambient air quality data, production activity, source of water, water quality, disposal method, Soil sampling and its quality, noise level and use of controlled blasting, saplings, forestation, effects on aquatic animals and solution, effects on rain water harvesting, employment, impact on public health, use of control room, education, Air pollution source and its control measures, corporate social responsibilities, was presented in Kannada by the project consultant and copy of the power point presentation is herewith enclosed **Annexure –III**.

Environmental Officer once again requested the assembled public to clarify their doubts if any or submit any suggestions/objections either in writing or orally, environmental concerns with regard to proposed project and same will be included/recorded in the proceedings. The proceedings will be drawn both in kannada and English and it will be submitted duly signed by the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner.

The public have submitted their opinion on the said project as follows:

**1. Sri. G.V. Venkatesh, Karnataka State Formers Association, District\_general secretary, Shidlaghatta.**

He informed gathered public that, everyone knew that entire world is facing many problem. Ruling government and few knowledgeable person are destroying our natural resources, culture, rajakaluve which were constructed and protected by the ancestors from 100 years on their own hands at the time when there was no science and technology, he informed the public to learn to utilise the right things in right way for development of the country, understand to protect the available resources in the nature for future generation which helps to lead the healthy life.

For example before giving permission to mining activity legally, public opinion called under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner is better, Environmental Officer has given clear information about how to prepare the action plan to obtain the legal permission before commissioning the mining activity without affecting the animal, birds, forest and economic development of the public.

He sought exact/clear information about how the mining activity is being carried out for which the 1000 permission has already being given through Mines & Geology, approved by other department. He briefed about the people who dead in shimoga blasting innocents were dead in blasting which occurred in Hiremagavalli village, Chikkaballapura district.

Previously, information was received 15 days before of conducting of public hearing for mining, then the representation were submitted to Deputy Commissioner, Environmental Officer, Department of Mines & Geology, Forest Department, Chief Secretary to Government, Hon'ble Chief Minister. Even in spite of the representation given earlier, public hearing is conducted, he informed about 186 mining activities

have been permitted in the district. Crores of taxes were cheated to govt by weight. Submitted representation to all dept, to stop illegal mining, About 1200 pages of information was collected from Forest Department, for giving mining permission from mining department, forest department has given opinion to the Task Force Committee that, as per Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 said place has come under deemed forest. But few officer furnished the wrong information that, said place is not covered under section 4 & 6, he informed that, confusion of officer, due to lack of interest by politicians, Government, public are facing problem. The officer should work in legal frame by maintaining Transperancy. Stone dust is required when the sand mining was stopped. Government has not taken initiation to stop illegal transportation of sand which is being carried out even now. we oppose the mining not only here, but even in sadali too, as it affects animals, public, farmer, cattle and submitted the representation to Deputy Commissioner.

He informed to the Deputy Commissioner that illegal mining is being carried through out day and night, complaint has been lodged to police Department. Police Department has given fair reply to the complaint lodged by them. But few officers has given reply that said mining activity does not come under their purview and others have not replied. He requested the Deputy commissioner to initiate action against those officers and also requested not to give permission to mining as it is creating many problems.

**2. Sri. D.S.N. Raju (Rajanna), Dibburhalli:**

He extended his thanks to the public hearing meeting chaired by Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, Officers, public, representatives of media present in public hearing and informed extent area of Sy. No. 02, Purabyrenahalli is about 479 acre. Off which application has filed for mining license. He wished to talk, raising objection on mining. Since 60-70 years the community of SC, ST, Muslim, Bhovi and people belonging to general category were doing traditional mining. Quarry Lease came into existence with intention to get rid of them. They were successful in getting 2 quarry lease of 4 acre each from the Department by forming the Purabyrenahalli stone crusher co-operative society, there are about 500 families depending on quarry were living peacefully. Further, he informed that considering the request made by the public to the constituency MLA, MP regarding the stopping of illegal mining and memorandum submitted to Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner, the public hearing scheduled on 05/09/2020 was postponed.

He stated that he was not aware of the advertisement made for conducting public hearing on 26/10/2021. Immediately after receipt of information, contacted the surrounding public, farmers and create awareness to them about the affect of mining activity by machineries, which may creates people to migrate towards Bangalore to work for their livelyhood. He alleged that 90% of the information furnished by consultant about proposed mining is false.

He informed that Kondappanahalli village is located very near to mining area and not at a distance of 1.3 km, police station is located at an aerial distance of 500 mtrs and not at a distance of 1.2 km as informed by the consultant. Sound travel through air not on road. Kondappanahalli village is built on rock it is unable to build the toilets in the said village. Few houses were cracked due to small blasting. Poly Houses established by the farmers by spending about 1 lakh rupees were affected. It is found in RTC that, Kittur Rani Chennamma reputed School in the district, half of the building constructed on rock is located in the sy. No. 2 of Purabyrenahalli, as the school is located at a aerial distance of 500 mts building as well as the students may be affected due to mining activity He also informed that, the compound of Govt higher primary school are cracked due to small blasting used in the mining activity if mining start operation, no house will exist in the kondappanahalli village and requested to not to give permission to the mining activity.

In the records of Sy. No. 02 it is printed as gomala. About 20000 to 25000 cattle stock are dependent on the 479 acres of land. Cattle stocks and people depending on them are also affected due to mining and requested to stop mining. as ordered by the Hon'ble Deputy Commissioner on 06/06/1991, with the help of tree planters. NDDDB association was formed, trees were grown in an area of 100 acres. Because of mining, forest will be destroyed hence requested not to permit mining,

Ancient Chowdeshwari temple, tanks such as byrasagara kere, kanikalamana kere, iragapanakere which were constructed during the time of kings are located at a distance of 500 mtrs from the proposed mining area which may affect the temple and aquatic animals and requested to protect the lake and stop mining.

Central government, ujjwala Yojane and state government Anila Bhagya Yojane helps the forest to grow, which results in seeing animals like pig, peacock, deer in the said forest. if mining starts, it will destroy population of wild animals and requested not to give permission for mining activity. About 50 villages are located at a distance of 10 k.m from proposed mining area, lives of the villagers may be affected and requested not to permit proposed mining activity. Papanahalli village is located at a distance of about 1.5 km from the proposed mining, about 100 -150 handlooms have installed by the villagers and are engaged in weaving activity dust generated from the proposed mining activity may deposit on cloth and affect the livelihood of weavers. He also requested mining owner to quit proposed mining and allow them to live peacefully and submitted the objection to the Deputy Commissioner by requesting not to permit mining activity.

### **3. Sri Narasimha Reddy, D.C. Chikkadibburhalli:**

He expresses that permission should not be given for mining activities as there are many sericulture growers and silk rearers living in surrounding area of proposed project site.

**4. Sri. Nara Venkatesh Murthy, Ashwadala Pakshika Patrike (Sangha), Gudibande:**

He revealed his identity as resident of Gudibande taluk, owner and editor of Ashwadala Pakshika Patrike. He expressed that, it is meaningless to organise the public hearing, everyone knew that mining activity will destroy the environment, even though they come forward to permit the activity. As already been informed by Sri. Rajanna, the 90% of information furnished by the consultant in their presentation regarding sprinkling of water on road to control dust, plantation of saplings on road sides and opportunity of providing employment to 160 people are false, they won't give employment to not even 6 local people. They only give assurances. Once the mining activity starts officers may fail to take action. He cautioned the public and local people to raise their objection against mining activity. He expressed strong objection for mining and requested not to give permission to the mining activity.

**5. Sri. Manjunath N N, Human Right Fighter and Environmentalist:**

He expressed his opinion that public hearing conducted by the Deputy Commissioner is very important to the local villagers of sidlaghatta taluk, Chikkaballapura. Wealth of the quarry pertains to every last person of India. When the Corporate sector were carrying mining activity in smaller scale were leading the life happily, fertility of Plants animals, and birds including society were not affected, no damage was caused to roads. Rocks were marketed locally based on the needs. But, now corporate sector became rich by looting the resources and limping local development.

He expressed that when the industries are established, it is difficult to solve the local problems, officers are not able to discharge their duty due to political interference and are living their life with fear. He also informed the public that, it is not possible to develop the country by one person. Every citizen should make efforts to save the natural resources then only the development of the country will take place. Neighbouring country China has imported the material from the other countries by retaining their resource for future and are not blasting the stone locally.

He informed that, KSPCB has established the CAAQM station at Junior College. Chickaballapura, Information on quality of air in the district is displayed both in kannada and English.

Local workers those who are working in mining area are earning rs 2/- but in city they are getting rs 12/- he requested the Deputy Commissioner to fix the fixed salary to the workers those who are working in mining activity.

**6. Sri. S.M. Ravi Prakash, Taluk Chairman of Karnataka State Farmers Association**

He expressed that Stone quarrying were carried out since many years with the help of local politicians, dust pollution caused due to movement of vehicles may affect on



health of school children (Kittur Rani Chennamma) and spoil agriculture activity. Requested Deputy Commissioner not to permit quarry activity, plant more saplings in this area for development of forest. Forest Department are agreeing to permit this area for quarry activity but created problem by filing case against the farmer those who are involved in agricultural activity since 20 to 30 years in the land reserved for cattle grazing and sending them out.

He also expressed that after 15-20 years, this year has received heavy rain fall, all canals are filled with sand. Few officers are making money out of it, which should not be happening. In order to protect ground water, stop the sand mining, water will get from the bore well within 200 to 300 feet. In Chikkaballapura, about 50% of lakes are filled with water. Not to permit such quarry activity to mining owner. tax from the mining activity is not required to the government, Farmers are paying tax to the government, government is getting 60% of tax through various sources like petrol, liquor etc., Rearing of domestic animals is being practiced in this area, instead of mining activity plant more saplings, develop forest, protect underground water, environment. it is everyone responsibility to protect our environment and requested not to give permission for mining activity.

**7. Smt. Nikath, F.E.S, N.G.O, Dibburhalli:**

She expressed that, she is working with the villagers as representatives of FES foundation since many years. Main objective of the organisation is to protect, moisture, soil and environment. As per section 61 (A) of Panchayath Act, conducting meeting in villages, create platform for villagers to work and speech. Bad news was heard that public hearing is conducted in this region for mining. after few years of mining, land in this region may appear to become dry. She expressed that the livelihood of many people in this region like cattle grazers, shepherds, labourers and farmers will be affected and she also expressed that she was not aware of the implementation of action plan presented by the applicant. Since it is a thickly populated area and may affect the survival of the people living in that region in future. This is not a suitable place for mining. We have no objection to do mining in a suitable place.

**8. Sri. Narayanaswamy, Ex Taluk Panchayath Member:**

In India it is not possible to live in Jammu Kashmir, Kerala and Uttarkanda state due to heavy rain fall, land sliding and imbalance of nature. In Kerala and Uttarkanda on the development of wide roads are formed by connecting villages, constructed lakes and ponds, heavy moisture in the region leads to land sliding, ecological imbalance creates fear and people are migrating towards Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

He informed to avoid the natural disaster by protecting the underground water. Due to deployment of underground water, today citizens of Kolar and Chikkaballapura are living with floride, sulphide and Nitrate. It is not happy to say that two districts are received rain of 500 mm. which is due to global warming, and sea level is increased by 2<sup>0</sup>C.

Mining noise can be heard up to Peresandra which is located at a distance of 20 km from the mining activity, if the sound level increased upto 50 decibel it may damage/break the ears, requested not to deafen the public by giving permission to mining activity and encourage the public to plant more sampling, save the environment to get clean air in this region. It is heard from the international level that, plant more sampling while establishing the industry in larger scale.

In Aalmatthi dam, Bagalkote the people were rehabilitated, if permission is given to the mining activity rehabilitation of surrounding villages may create burden to the government, it is not sufficient to give 7 to 8 kg of rice to the public instead create employment, directions, energy to increase the production capacity for their own preparation of food. It is heard from the international level that, plant more sampling while establishing industries in larger scale. Not to create problem to increase the production from agricultural activity and requested to protect the environment and stop the mining activity.

**9. Sri. D.N. Srinath, Former:**

He informed that, he is the local farmer leading life by doing agriculture, 100% of agriculture is depending on the bore well water. If mining starts, blasting activity may affect the bore well which may leads to water scarcity and fluctuation in ground water level. He appeal to the Deputy Commissioner to take action on this.

**10. Sri. Gangaraju, Villagers, Purabyrenahalli:**

He expressed that, Noise generated from the mining activity may leave the villages living in Kondappanahalli village which is located at a distance of 200 meter not at a distance of 1.3 km from the mining area. Workers of Stone beaters association are earning money only of Rs. 200 to 300/-. Mining activity may affect the livelihood of the 1500 family, labourers, farmers living in that region and requested, not to give permission to the mining and let the villagers to live.

**11. Smt. Sowbhagya, Purabyrenahalli:** She expressed her grievances saying that she worked with the people of the region from 28 years, if there is a loss in agricultural crop the people will depend on live stock for their livelihood by rearing cattle stock. The objective of the organisation is to maintain the ecological balance and ensure the people to live in it. By bearing labour charges, organisation has constructed check

dams, tanks for cattle stock. On behalf of the farmer and villagers she requested to maintain the ecological balance and not to give permission for mining.

During the time of public hearing, submitted 102 memorandums to the Deputy Commissioner, 59 appeals have been submitted at the KSPCB, Regional Office, Chikkaballapura. Above said appeals has been listed and are enclosed as **Annexure – IV**.

At the end, Deputy Commissioner addressed to the Environment Officer, Senior Environmental Officer, applicant, representatives of the farmers, Karnataka State farmer association, Hasiru sene, Media those who are present in the public hearing and she informed that the public hearing is conducted on the judgement order issued by Hon'ble High court. Documents, objections, opinion, memorandum, quarry submitted will be forwarded to the Government. Environment public hearing got ended at 2.30 PM after submission of vote of thanks to all those who are present, co-operated in smooth functioning of the Environment public hearing (**Photographs and video graphs of public hearing are enclosed as Annexure –V**)



(Smt. R Latha, IAS)

**Deputy Commissioner & Chairman  
Environment Public Hearing Committee  
Chikkaballapura District**



