

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing towards the proposed quarrying of natural sand of capacity 68,166 TPA by Sri Srirama Reddy over an area 9-26 acres at Sy. No. 46, Urthala Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District.

Date: 12.08.2022 at 12.00 Noon

Place: Proposed project site at Sy. No. 46, Urthala Village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District

Officers Present:

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1	Smt. Kavitha S. Mannikeri, I.A.S.,	Deputy Commissioner and Presiding Officer of Environmental Public Hearing Panel, Chitradurga.
2	Sri Muralidhara B.S	Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
3	Sri E. Prakash	Environmental Officer and Convener of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel, KSPCB, Chitradurga .
4	Sri T Suresh Kumar	Tahasildar, Molakalmuru
5	Sri Rajesha P	Deputy Environmental Officer, RO, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
6	Kum. Padma G R	Geologist, Department of Mines and Geology, Chitradurga.

I. List of project Proponent and Consultants present.

1. Sri Srirama Reddy, Project Proponent
2. Sri Sachin M U, Consultant to the Project, M/s. Horizon Ventures

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

Sri E. Prakash, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga welcomed the Deputy Commissioner, Officials, Project Proponent, Environmental Consultant, Public, Environmental groups and Media persons.

As per the guidelines stipulated in the EIA Notification, 2006, the Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled on 12.08.2022 and the same was published in leading news papers "Praja Vaani" (Kannada) and "The Hindu" (English) on 12.07.2022 and also published in Chitradurga District local News paper "Suddi Giduga" on 20.07.2022.

The Panchayath Development Officer of Devasamudra 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, Chitradurga District)/ Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Chitradurga 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 maintain the register by recording Suggestions/objections/views/opinions/comments of the general public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga.
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Chitradurga.
3. Office of Tahasildar Office, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District.
4. Office of the Dept. of Industries and Commerce, Chitradurga.
5. Office of the Taluk Panchayath, Molakalmuru Taluk.
6. Office of the Grama Panchayath, Devasamudra, Molakalmuru Taluk.
7. The Regional Office, KSPCB, Chitradurga.
8. Help Desk, Board Office, KSPCB, Parisara Bhavan, Bengaluru.
9. Ministry of Environment and Forest, South Zone Office, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

It was brought to the notice of Presiding Officer that, till 11.08.2022 no written submissions were received by the above said offices.

Sri E. Prakash, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga in his preamble said that, Sri Srirama Reddy, the project proponent has proposed to carry out quarrying of Natural sand of capacity 68,166 TPA in the lease area of 9-26 acres located at Sy. No. 46 of Urthala village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District, Karnataka. The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from State Level Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Bengaluru as per the EIA Notification dated: 14.09.2006 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), Bengaluru vide No. SEIAA 82 MIN 2021, dated: 07.08.2021 and has requested the Karnataka State pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on 21.05.2022 to conduct Environmental Public consultation/ Public Hearing.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006, the Public Hearing was conducted on 12.08.2022 at 12.00 Noon at proposed project site at Sy. No. 46 of Urthala village, Molakalmuru Taluk, Chitradurga District under the Chairmanship of Smt. Kavitha S Mannikeri, Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District.

The Presiding Officer/Chairman informed the representative of proposed project to make power point presentation on the project including Environmental issues (Impact on Environment). On behalf of the project proponent, Sri Sachin M.U., Consultant representing the M/s. Horizon Ventures, Bengaluru, explained the public about the proposed project of quarrying of natural sand through Power Point 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, the views expressed are summarized as below:

1. Sri Sathish Kumar

He has submitted the opinion in writing.

2. Sri Honnareddy, Venkatapura Village

He opposed the sand quarry proposal and requested not to issue permission at any cost.

3. Sri Maheshkumar S/o Ramareddy, Vittalapura Village

He mentioned that, they were not informed about the EPH and he quoted his remarks against the sand quarry proposal by mentioning about drying of bore-wells and irrigation activities.

4. Sri Somashekhar, Venkatapura Village

He opposed the proposal and urged the Deputy Commissioner to visit the existing two sand mining sites and verify the compliances. To this, the Deputy Commissioner has informed that, concerned departments will be directed to inspect and to submit the report.


5. Sri Chitrayya, Urthala Village

He said that, the borewells are dried due to mining activities and he quoted his remarks against the project.

The Presiding Officer/Chairman has informed the project proponent to express his remarks to the public oral expressions. For which, Sri Sree Ramareddy replied that, necessary measures will be taken as per the presentation made in the Hearing.

During Public Hearing meeting, the Panel has received Two (02) written submissions which are enclosed as Annexure-C. Finally the Presiding Officer informed the gathered public that, all the views, opinions, suggestions, concerns and grievances expressed here are noted and the entire program has been video recorded and same will be made into CDs 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 and hence the Proceedings.


Deputy Commissioner and Presiding Officer
Environmental Public Hearing Panel,
Chitradurga District