Minutes of the Public Hearing in respect of the proposed Quartz Sand Project of M/s C.V.Mahadik, Monje Kasarda, Tal.Kankavali, Dist.Sindhudurg

The Public Hearing in respect of the proposed Quartz Sand Project of M/s C.V.Mahadik, Mouje Kasarda, Tal.Kankavali, Dist.Sindhudurg was arranged on 13.10.2015 at 11.00 O'Clock at Karale Mangal Karyalay, Mumbai Goa Highway, Mouje Kasarde, Tal. Kankavali, Dist.Sindhudurg. At this hearing the following Government officials/delegates were participated.

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- Shri. Dnyaneshwar S.Khutwad
 Additional District Magistrate and
 Resident Deputy Collector, Sindhudurg
- Shri N.H.Shivangi Member
 Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
 Kolhapur
- Shri L.T.Bhingardeve Promoter
 Dy.Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
 Ratnagiri.

First of all, the information about the Public Hearing in respect of the environment was given and being the arranger, reception of the present delegates was made by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Being the promoter, this Public Hearing related to environment has been conducted as per the Notification of September, 2006 published by Environment and Forest Ministry, New Delhi. The presentation of the project will be made by the project proponent. After this presentation, the objections, if any, will be registered and will be submitted to Environment and Forest Ministry, New Delhi for further action. For further implementation, the Chairman of this Public Hearing Shri. Khutwad, Additional District Magistrate will be addressing to the meeting.

The Chairman of this Public Hearing Shri. Khutwad told that the said public hearing related to environment about the said proposed project may be taken as per the Declaration of Environment and Forest Ministry, New Delhi. Also if there are any objections related to the environment about this project, and being the Chairman, those objections will be registered and forwarded to

Environment and Forest Ministry, New Delhi as it is. Also the Video Shooting clips and C.D. will be submitted. Firstly, the presentation will be made by the project proponent of the proposed project and thereafter, you will raise your doubts if any. Saying thus, the project proponent was asked to present their presentation.

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The presentation of the said Quartz Sand Project was made by the project proponents.

After the presentation, the Chairman Shri.Khutwad asked the participants to present their doubts, suggestions or objection along with their names and addresses and note the same.

Shri Raju Rathod, A/p Kankavali :- When he raised the point of rehabilitation, the project proponent replied that there is no residence of any person at this place, and hence the question of rehabilitation will not arise here.

On this, Shri Sanjay Patade told that he is residential farmer here and the mining of C.V.Mahadik is running here since the year 1997. No question of rehabilitation is arose here and the rehabilitation will not be necessary in future.

Shri Shailesh Bhogale, A/p Kankavali :- He said that the minutes of the said public hearing be noted and the Dy. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ratnagiri has published the public notice in the Marathi and English Newspapers, but it has not made available on the website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Also the inadequate documents are uploaded on the website of District Collectors Office, Sindhudurg. Besides he raised the point that today is the day of the Ghatsthapana festival and hence the local residents could not participate this public hearing. Also the project proponent has given false notes in the report submitted by them. The first issue of this is that they have not read the names of 48 villages within 10 KM, area. They should read the names of these villages and he further raised the point that only 49 employments will be generated through this project.

On this, the project proponent read the names of 48 villages within 10 KM, radius.

On this, Shri Bhogale told that the village Wagade at Sr.No.41 does not comes within 10 KM.radius. He registered this objection and told that the said

report is erroneous. Besides, in this report no numbering is made and the project proponent and administration is knowingly doing this effort. The project proponent has mentioned in the report that they have made plantation of 3116 trees for T.O.R. in mining lease, which is wrong. Shri Bhogale told that while running the mining project it should be made environment friendly. Besides the issue of project affected persons is the important issue here. He also pointed that in the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report, the existence of school, educational institution, health centers are purposely avoided and hence this will make adverse affect on the school going children and other people. Also it is not mentioned in this report that from where and to where the conveyance of the dumpers will be made for this project. The excavation will make pollution in air and adverse effect of this will be made on the health of local residents and school children. This also is avoided to mention in this EIA He also said that it is nowhere mentioned that when and where the washing plant will be made. The participant persons told that only Shri Bhogale is raising the points and they quarreled and asked the Chairman to give them the chance to represent them.

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Shri Sanjay Dattaram Patade, A/p Kasarde: He told that he and other local residents have not constrained to rehabilitate due to the said project. He said that there is no need of rehabilitation due to the said proposed project and C.V.Mahadik has catered their need of Anganwadi and school in view of social responsibility. Therefore, we the villagers have decided to help them. Also the project proponent should prepare the road upto Health Centre. Thus the problems of health will be solved. The workers in the near vicinity are working here and C.V.Mahadik is giving good facilities to them. Therefore, C.V.Mahadik has given good participation to our Kasarde in view of health, water and environment. We have gathered here to hear that what benefits will be made to this Gavthan due to this project and what additional benefits more than earlier benefits will be made available.

Shri Shailesh Bhogale, A/p Kankavali:- When he was raising his points, the Chairman Shri. Khutwad asked him to allow other people to present their issues. On this, Shri Bhogale told that I will present my issues and there is no limit of age to the environment related public hearing. In reply, the chairman asked him to present his issues.

Shri Sanjay Desai, A/p Kasarde: He told that Hon. Collector should inform that how many villages out of the villages in 10 KM, radius are eco-sensitive. On this, the Chairman Hon.Khutwad told that there are 37 villages in Kankavali

Taluka. Also Shri Desai told that there is a village Dhareshwar near Avaleshwar and the distance between them is hardly 1 KM. the borders are adjacent to each other. The land admeasuring 700 to 800 hectares is a forest land. On this, the chairman told that your objection will be noted.

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Shri Sanjay Sambhaji Patade, A/p Kasarde :- He told that he is agreed to some of the points raised by Shri Bhogale and Shri Desai. I am also agreed with the positive and negative solutions given by the project proponents. Some issues are especially avoided from this report. The classification of this project has not been mentioned. The plantation must be made as has been shown in the report. Also the period when the density of sound decibel was taken is wrong. Therefore, the density of sound decibel must be counted when the mining activities are running. Hundreds of workers are working in the mining project. The facility of toilets for them is very inadequate. We try to make our village is Hagandarimukta Gav, but actually it cannot be implemented. Also the renovation of road is necessary, whereby the sound and air pollution can be avoided. While performing the work of mining, the large stones are scattered here and there, which should be arranged neatly. The care also should be taken that the underground water flow should not be stopped. While starting the mine, dewatering is being made and therefore the water level of the wells in near vicinity is deepening, which should be managed. I also congratulate to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and the concerned project officers and participant villagers and give my thanks for giving me an opportunity to present my opinion. I insist that this project must be implemented whereby the employment can be generated.

The chairman Hon. Khutwad asked to raise their hands who wish to present their opinion. At that time Shri, Sudhakar Rawale asked to explain about the Quartz Sand Mine Project and C.V.Mahadik and he asked that for whom this public hearing has been conducted. Chairman Hon. Khutwad replied that this hearing is for the project. On this, Shri Rawale told that he has not heard the name Quartz Sand Mine. Chairman Hon. Khutwad replied that Silica means Quartz Sand.

Shri Prakash Parkar, A/p Kasarde: He said that if this project is for welfare of the village, I will definitely welcome this project. But at the same time, the educational and communication sources also should be considered. But these should not make any adverse effect on the group of villagers. He said that in this year, while Ganesh Visarjan occasion, we could not drawn the Ganpati Idol of hardly 2 feet height in the stream. He asked that the condition of the stream should be made as it was herebefore.

Shri Sanjay Mundale, A/p Kasarde:- He paid his thanks to the delegates on the platform and Smt.Mahadik and presented his say that the government collect thousands of rupees in the form of royalty from Sand Mine projects, but the funds for repairs of road has not been given by the government, which is the fact. Who is responsible for this? If you are taking royalty, you must give part of that royalty. Why this rule is overruled, he requested the Chairman to give answer of this question. On this, the Chairman Hon. Khutwad replied that this public hearing is related to the environment and it does not concern to the royalty. On this, Shri. Bhogale told that the district level committee should be formed for this and when the situation became disturbing, the chairman appealed for the peace. On this, when it was told that the answer of royalty will be given to the office, Shri Mundale requested to give the answer here only.

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Shri Shailesh Bhogale, A/p Kankavali:- He told that the inadequate provision for health and road has been made by the project proponent in the report submitted by them. When the situation became noisy, the Tahasildar Kankavali told the mob that Hon. Chairman has arrived here for hearing your grievances, you should present your opinion peacefully. On this, Shri. Mundale requested the Chairman to form the district level committee for the royalty comprising of and the existing Sangh and society should be included in this committee. On this the Chairman Hon.Khutwad told that this issue is not related to the public hearing, but I will let this know to District collector.

Shri Dattaram Jadhav, A/p Kasarde: He asked that when the survey of this project was made? And whether it is known to the villagers or not? Besides, he told that the alternative road should be made for the existing mines business. We will remain firm for the welfare of our people. We will not allow anybody to ply their vehicles on this road.

Shri Shailesh Bhogale, A/p Kankavali:- He asked that why all the issues presented were not included in the report? He asked to prepare new roads. And why all the decisions were not recorded in the report? It should be made and new report should be submitted after cancelling this report.

Shri Jagannath Bhikaji Patade, A/p Kasarde: He told that the mine owners have helped us from time to time and made available the road to us. The road leading to the village from the main road is prepared by the mine owner at their own cost. In this case, we will have no objection to give our lands for the road.

Shri Prakash Krushna Patade, A/p Kasarde: He told that our farm is adjacent to the mine and till today no adverse effect is made on our agriculture. He also gave assurance that the mine owner will prepare the road from mine to the highway at their own cost.

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Adv.Harshad Gawade, A/p Kankavali :- He asked that when the survey of the problems of garbage, environment, plantation, blasting etc. was conducted? He also asked that you have noted all the problems submitted by the participant citizens. What remedies on these problems will be initiated by you? On this, the Chairman Hon.Khutwad told that all of your objections have been noted.

Shri Shailesh Bhogale, A/p Kankavali:- He requested for taking new public hearing, this report is false. On this, Shri Sanjay Patade told that the election should be taken to determine whether the public hearing may be taken again or not. He told that we the local resident wish that the project should be completed. As has been said by Adv. Harshad Gawade, the project proponent should explain as to how they will extend their cooperation to us. But we local farmers are not agreed to the statement that we oppose to this project. But the facilities of water and road must be made available in the village.

Shri Sanjay Desai, A/p Kasarde: He told that he is agreed to the points raised by Shri Sanjay Patade. But all the discrepancies in this report should be complied with, otherwise we will present the Writ Petition.

The mine owner Smt. Kashmira Chandrashekhar Mahadik told that when the lease will be implemented, the first issue will be the work of road and second issue will be that no resident will be affected adversely. Besides for the assurance of the villagers, I am ready to give on Bond Paper in writing that we will prepare the road, but please do not haste (Hullad) and speak that we will not allow to run this project. On this, the mob took objection on the word 'Hulladbaji' and they told that we are arrived here for presenting our questions and not for making 'Hulladbaji'. Therefore one should talk with due respect. On this, Smt. Kashmira Mahadik withdrew her words. She also told that whatever I will do, will be done by taking into consideration the welfare of the land owners and whatever facilities are expected, one should contact me directly, I will extend my cooperation.

Shri Shailesh Bhogale, A/p Kankavali:- He told that the compensation payable to the land holders and project affected persons should be declared in this public hearing.

Shri Sanjay Desai, A/p Kasarde: - He said that the point raised by the mine owner is very good. This issue should be given for proceeding barring the word 'Hulladbaji', whereby we will not be needed the Bond Paper. On behalf of our village, I congratulate them and the facilities which were not made available in past years, should be revealed. On this Smt. Kashmira Mahadik give her thanks to all the participants.

Chairman Shri. Khutwad said that if there are any more objections of anybody, they can ask. On this Adv.Harshad Gawade asked that what about the question presented now? On this, Chairman told that all the objections have been noted and they will be submitted for further action to Forest and Environment Ministry, New Delhi.

To conclude, Shri. Khutwad told that if there are any more questions of the participant persons and if so, they should ask that. But nobody from the present mob presented any question and therefore Hon. Chairman gave his thanks to the participant mob and declared that the Public Hearing Related to the Environment is concluded.

The applications received during this public hearing were read over.

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