

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON
06.04.2017 AT 10.30 A.M AT PROPOSED SITE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF DOLOMITE MINE BY G.VIJAYA KRISHNA AT SY.NO.226, JAKKALA
CHERUVU (V), GOOTY (M), ANANTAPURAM DISTRICT, WITH A
PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 87,636 TPA OVER AN AREA OF 36.00 HA**

A. THE FOLLOWING PANEL MEMBERS ATTENDED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS.

1. **Smt.C.Malleswari Devi.,** **Chairman**
District Revenue Officer & Addl. Dist. Magistrate
Anantapuram District.
2. **Sri P.Prasada Rao** **Member**
Environmental Engineer,
A.P. Pollution Control Board,
Regional Office, Kurnool.

B. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INDUSTRY

1. **Sri.G.Vijaya Krishna** **Mine Owner**
2. **Sri Dr.B.N.Rao** **Environmental Consultant,**
M/s. Pragathi Labs & Consultants (P) Ltd.,
Hyderabad.

The list of Officers and Public present at the meeting is appended as **Annexure-A**.

At the outset the Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kurnool, welcomed the District Revenue Officer & Additional District Magistrate, Anantapuram District, Tahasildhar, Gooty, Deputy Tahasildhar, Gooty, the public gathered at the venue, District Officials and the Print & Electronic media for the Public Hearing meeting. He informed that Sri. G.VijayaKrishna has proposed mining of Dolomite in Sy.No.226, Jakkalacherevu (V), Gooty (M), Anantapuram District over an extent of 36.0 Ha.

He explained the salient features of the MoE&F & CC, GOI, Notification S.O.No.1533 (E), dated 14.09.2006 & its amendments thereoff issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. He stated that projects listed in the schedule –A & B of EIA Notification S.O.No.1533 (E), dated 14.09.2006 are required to obtain the prior environmental clearance from MoE&F

& CC, GoI. He also informed that the proposal of Sri.G.VijayaKrishna for mining of Dolomite over an extent of 36.0 Ha requires Environmental Clearance from the MoE&F & CC, Govt. of India, New Delhi and Environmental Public Hearing is mandatory for this project.

He informed that a press notification pertaining to the proposed public hearing was published in "Enadu" and "The Hanns India" daily newspapers on 05.03.2017 and also the draft EIA / EMP report, executive summaries in Telugu and English were displayed at i) Office of the Collector & District Magistrate, Anantapuarm ii) Zilla Parishad Office, Anantapuarm iii) District Industries Centre, Anantapuarm iv) Regional Office, MoEF & CC (South Zone) v) APPCB, Zonal Office, Kurnool vi) APPCB, Regional Office, Kurnool vii) Tahasildhar Office, Gooty (M) and viii) Gram Panchayat Office, Jakkalacherevu (V), Gooty (M), Anantapuarm Dist for information of the public to offer Suggestions, Views, Comments and objections, if any within 30 days from the date of publication. He also informed that one representation was received from Sri P.Sununda Reddy, President, "Dharithri Paryavarana Parirakshana Samithi" till now on the proposed mining project. He then requested the District Revenue Officer & Additional District Magistrate, Chairman of the public hearing panel to conduct the proceedings of the meeting.

Sri C.Malleswari., District Revenue Officer & Addl. Dist. Magistrate, Anantapuram District welcomed the public gathered for the public hearing and informed that Sri G.VijayaKrishna, has proposed to carry out the mining of Dolomite at Sy.No.226, Jakkalacherevu (V), Gooty (M), Anantapuram District. She also informed that Sri G.VijayaKrishna has obtained lease from the Govt., of Andhra Pradesh on 28.02.2014 for a period of 20 years for mining of dolomite – 87,636 TPA and also informed that they require to obtain Environmental Clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India prior to the starting of the mining activity. The present public hearing is arranged to get the views, objections, suggestions etc., of the villagers on the proposed mining and informed that an opportunity will be given to the each one of the public attended for the hearing to express their views, suggestions, comments and objections if any on the proposed mining project. She informed that the Audio & Video of proceedings of the public Hearing will be recorded and the minutes will be communicated to MoEF, GoI, India for examination of the proposal while issuing Environmental Clearance to the mining project

The District Revenue Officer & Addl. Dist. Magistrate Anantapuram has informed that a detailed study is being conducted by the M/s. Pragathi Labs & Consultants (P) Ltd., to know

the possible impacts of the proposed mining activity, baseline studies, mitigation measures proposed to control noise & air pollution from the proposed mining activity and requested the Environmental consultant to explain in brief about the salient features of the proposed mining activity & its impacts on the surroundings, measures proposed by them to control dust & noise pollution, details of the employment opportunities from the mining activity and also budget allocated for the development of the village under CSR programmes.

Dr.B.N Rao, Environmental Consultant: He welcomed the District Revenue Officer & Additional District Magistrate, Anantapuram District, Tahasildhar, Gooty, Deputy Tahasildhar, Gooty, Public gathered at the venue, District Officials and NGO's. He informed that Sri.G.Vijayakrishna has proposed to carryout dolomite mining in Sy.No.226 of Jakkallacherevu (V) and the proposed site of the mine is at height of 410 mtrs above MSL. He informed that, the proposed mining activity will be carried out over an extent of 36.0 Ha and is listed as category B1 of Sch-I of EIA Notification. The proposed mine is of production capacity of 87,636 TPA and the life of mine is 108 years. The nearest habitation from the proposed mine is Isurallalapalli at 1.6 Kms in Eastern direction and there are no there are no reserve forest, wild life sanctuaries and other sensitive areas within 10 kms radius of the mine. The water requirement for the proposed mine is about 25m³/day which will be used for water sprinkling for dust suppression and domestic section. He has informed that, they have carried out baseline study of the air quality around the mine and observed that, the values of PM₁₀ are in the range of 31.4 to 54.7 µg/Nm³, PM_{2.5} are in the range 16.9 to 28.4 µg/Nm³, SO₂ are in the range 4 to 9 µg/Nm³ and NO₂ are in the range 9 to 13 µg/Nm³ and they are well with in the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). He has also informed that using air quality modeling they have estimated the possible concentration of the above pollutants during the operation of the mine and it was estimated that, the increase of the concentration of SO_x & NO_x is 2 - 3 % and the particulate matter concentration will be increased by another 12 µg/Nm³ and are will within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

He has informed that, the noise levels were observed to be 42.5 dB (A) during day time and 40.0 dB (A) during the night time and informed that, they will use sharp drill bits for drilling holes, avoiding blasting during night times, providing the barriers, silencers etc., to control the noise levels from the mine.

He also informed that, the major sources of air pollution from the mine are dust pollution due to drilling, excavation, transportation. He informed that they propose to sprinkle water all along the haulage roads, usage of sharp drill bits for drilling holes, proposes to provide

tarpaulin sheet for the trucks while transportation, greenbelt development along the mining haul roads to control the air pollution from the proposed mine. He has assured the gathering that there will be no impact on the surrounding villagers, agricultural lands, living creatures in surrounding area after the implementation of the above measures by the mine. He also informed that the proposed mining activity will provide employment opportunities to about 87 persons and villagers will be given due importance in the employment opportunities. He also informed that, the management of the mine has allocated Rs. 3.5 Lakhs/annum under CSR activities for water supply, conducting health camps, construction of toilets in the village, distribution of books to the school children and other developmental activities in the village etc., for the development of the village. He has also assured that, they will take all possible steps for controlling noise, dust pollution and will operate the mine duly complying with the guidelines, standards stipulated by the Pollution Control Board.

The District Revenue Officer & Addl. Dist. Magistrate Anantapuram has requested Sri Vijaykrishna to briefly explain the details of the employment opportunities from the mine to the nearby villagers. Sri Vijaykrishna, mine owner informed that, the proposed mining will require Mine Manager -1 No; Record Assistant - 01No; Technical workers - 20 Nos; Skilled workers - 40Nos; Unskilled labor - 20 Nos; Tripper helpers - 05 Nos; and there by totaling to 87 Nos. He has assured that they will impart training to the villagers initially by associating them with skilled workers and after sufficient training, the villagers will be taken as skilled workers.

The District Revenue Officer & Addl. Dist. Magistrate Anantapuram has informed the gathering the management of the mine has proposed to spend Rs.1.0 Lakh/Annum towards health check up camps in the village, Rs.1.0 Lakh/Annum towards construction of toilets and drinking water supply in the village, Rs.0.5 Lakh/Annum towards supply of uniform, books etc., for the school children in the village and Rs.1.0 Lakh/Annum towards other developmental activities in the village.

The District Revenue Officer & Addl. Dist. Magistrate Anantapuram public gathered at the venue, farmers to express their views, suggestions, comments and objections if any on the proposed mining project.

Views, suggestions & objections raised by the public

Sri C.B. Ranga Reddy, Isuralapalli (V) welcomed the proposed mining project and opined that the proposed mining project will provide employment opportunities to the nearby villagers.

Sri S.Nagi Reddy, Isuralapalli (V), informed that earlier the mine lease is in the revenue limits of Jakkalacherevu and recently Isuralapalli (V) is separated from Jakkalacherevu and formed as a new Gram Panchayat. Now the mine lease area of Sri G.Vijaykrishna is in the Isuralapalli (V) Gram Panchayat limits and requested the mine management to implement the developmental activities in Isuralapalli (V). He has also requested the mine management to Ashramam which is existing in their village under CSR activities.

Sri Yellareddy, Isuralapalli (V), informed that the villagers are suffering due to the presence of fluoride in the ground water and requested the management to provide RO plant for the drinking water in the village. He also requested the management to construct the Bus shelter near NH - 63 as the villagers are facing problems during rainy & summer seasons and also requested the management to develop the Ashramam.

Sri Rangareddy, Isuralapalli (V), welcomed the proposed mining project and requested the mine management to provide RO plant in their village. The management of the mine has assured the gathering that they will provide RO plant in the village under CSR activities.

Sri K.Suresh Reddy, Isuralapalli (V), informed that, the major issue in there is un employment and there are educated as well as uneducated youth in their village. He requested requested the management of the mine to provide employment opportunities to the villagers.

Sri Raghavendra, Isuralapalli (V), He informed that, there are facing health problems due to the presence of fluoride in the ground water and requested the management to provide RO plant to the village. He has also informed that there are many SC, ST, BC & OC category unemployed youth in their village and requested the mine management to provide employment opportunity.

Sri Shaikshavali, Isuralapalli (V), He informed that the proposed mine will provide employment opportunities to the 87 people and requested the villagers to support the mine.

Sri. VijayaReddy, (NGO): informed that there are another 02 mines in the village for which the public hearing was conducted recently and requested the mine managements to combine their CSR budget of Rs.3.5 Lakhs/Annum allocated by each of this mine. He has requested to utilize this amount of about Rs.10.5 Lakhs/Annum for the development activity in the village

instead of spending individually. He has also requested to District authorities to spend the district mining fund in the mining effected villages only through co-ordination committee and also raised objection for conducting the public hearing at the project site. He has informed that as per the EIA notification, the project consultant shall submit the Environment Management Plant (EMP) along with Draft EIA report and informed that, M/s. Pragathi labs has not submitted the EMP report for the proposed mining activity. He has also raised objection stating that the blasting in the mine will affect the agricultural lands and other other living creatures in the surroundings of the mine and informed that due to these 03 mines in the same location the impact on the environment will be much more.

Sri Venkateshwarlu, Representative of the Pragathi Labs, has informed that, the proposed mine falls under B1 category of EIA notification and as per the notification draft EIA report is mandatory for B1 category of industries and EMP is mandatory for the B2 category of industries. He also informed that, the hardness of the dolomite existing in the mine is 2.5 and there are using only liquid booster only for separation of the rock instead of blasting and therefore there will not be any adverse effects on the surrounding environment. Also, he has informed that the three mines are not located adjacent to each other and are more than one kilometer away from the other mines. Sri Vijayakrishna mine owner has assured the gathering that they will combine the CSR amount of the three mines and will implement the developmental activities in the village as suggested by the Chairman of the public hearing.

Sri Janardhan Reddy (NGO): He welcomed the mining project and informed the villagers have requested the mine owner to provide RO, plant in their village in the public hearing conducted for the other two mines also. He has requested the mine management to provide mineral water plant to the villagers immediately and also to implement the developmental activities in the village in co-ordination with public representatives and officials.

Sri. Sunanda Reddy, (NGO): He has welcomed the project and suggested the management to construct rain water harvesting structures for the percolation of the rain water into the ground, to develop the greenbelt in the mine area as well avenue plantation by planting medicinal plants & fruit bearing plants, and to provide employment opportunities to the local villagers by imparting skill development programme and urged the authorities to recommend for sanction of the permissions to the industry.

Sri.Y.Chennakeshava Reddy, (NGO): welcomed the mining project and requested the authorities to recommend to MoE &F, Govt of India for sanction of the permissions to the mine. He has requested the management to provide employment opportunities to the local villagers who are below the poverty line. He has also requested to develop greenbelt within the mine lease area and avenue plantation along the roads by planting the species like Ganuga, neem etc., and requested the management to comply with the CPCB guidelines and standards.

Sri.Anjaiah, (NGO): Welcomed the proposed mining project as it will provide employment opportunities to the nearby villagers and requested the mine management to provide skill development programme under "Pradanamantri Kaushal Yojana" scheme. He has requested the authorities to recommend to MoE &F, Govt of India for sanction of the permissions to the mine.


Sri.Nanadipati Ravikumar, (NGO): Welcomed the project and informed that, due to the establishment of the 03 mines in the area, the concerned gram panchayat will have sufficient revenue for carrying out developmental activities in the village. He requested the authorities to focus on the protected drinking water supply in the village on war foot basis as there is fluoride content in the ground water which will cause deformity for the children and also knee pain to the villagers.


Sri.H.Madhu Babu, (NGO):- welcomed the project and informed that there is about 2.30 Lakh Tons of dolomite mineral reserves in gooty mandal which shall be used for the National development. He has requested the management to implement the developmental activities in the village and requested the authorities to recommend to MoE &F, Govt of India for sanction of the permissions.

District Revenue Officer & Addl. Dist. Magistrate Anantapuram thanked the public for attending the environmental public hearing for expressing their views and suggestions. She has informed that villagers in principle have requested the authorities to sanction permission to the mine. She also informed that due to the drought conditions prevailing in the District the villagers are facing problems for their livelihood and opined that, the proposed mine will provide employment opportunities to the villagers. She also requested the management of the mine to take a note of the pollution control measures mentioned by the NGO's and requested

the management to implement them for controlling dust and noise pollution from the mine. She informed that one written representation received from during the meeting and informed that proceedings of the public hearing is video recorded and issues raised are also recorded in minutes will be sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests for further necessary action. She also requested the villagers who have not attend the public hearing to submit their views, objections, if any in writing to the Tahisldhar Office, Gooty by the evening for submitting the same to MoE&F, Govt. of India for further necessary action.

Finally, the meeting ended with vote of thanks by Environmental Engineer, A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Kurnool.

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Anantapuram District

Enclosures:

1. Written representation received from Sri P.Sunanada Reddy, Dharithri Paryavaravana Parirakshana Samithi, Shivaji Nagar, Nalgonda District
2. Written representation received from Y.Chenna keshawa Reddy, Yerraguntlapalli, Kadapah District..
3. Video CDs
4. Attendance of the List of officers and public attend the hearing.