

Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing in connection with the M/s. Jothe Cement Company has proposed to set up a standalone Cement Grinding unit of 600 TPD (Phase - I :300 TPD, Phase – II: 300 TPD) in Survey No. 206/2A, 206/2B, Thambuganipalli Village, Bangarupalem Mandal, Chittoor District on 31.08.2017 at 10.00 a.m.

In accordance with the Notification No. S.O. 1533 dt. 14.09.2006 of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, New Delhi, the Environmental Engineer, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Tirupati issued a notification pertaining to the Environmental Public Hearing on the M/s. Jothe Cement Company has proposed to set up a standalone Cement Grinding unit of 600 TPD (Phase - I :300 TPD, Phase – II: 300 TPD) in Survey No. 206/2A, 206/2B, Thambuganipalli Village, Bangarupalem Mandal, Chittoor District in leading newspapers published on 28.07.2017 inviting suggestions, views, comments and objections of the general public and was conducted on 31.08.2017 at 10.00 a.m and the minutes of the meeting are as follows:

The following Officials attended the Environmental Public Hearing :

- 1) **Smt. S.Razia Begum,** **District Revenue Officer and Additional District Magistrate Chittoor District & Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel.**
- 2) **Sri. A.Narendra Babu,** **Member Convener & Environmental Engineer APPCB, Regional Office, Tirupati.**

The following Departmental Officials attended the hearing:

- 1) Sri. A. Murali, Tahsildar, Bangarupalem Mandal, Chittoor District
- 2) Sri. P.V.Kishore Reddy, AEE, APPCB, RO, Tirupati.

Representatives of the Industry :

- 1 Sri. Srinivasa Reddy, Environmental Consultant of the project, M/s Team Labs & Consultants, Hyderabad.
- 2 Sri J. Jothe, Director, M/s. Jothe Cement Company.

The **Environmental Engineer**, A.P.Pollution Control Board, Tirupati welcomed the **District Revenue Officer and Additional District Magistrate Chittoor District** & Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel, Chittoor District & Chairman of the Public Hearing panel and Public gathered at the Public Hearing venue. He explained the need to conduct Public Hearing for the proposed project as per the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi notification 2006.

He also explained as per the Terms of Reference (TOR), SEIAA/AP/CTR/IND/11/ 2016 -252, Dt: 30.01.2017 it is necessary to get the public hearing conducted for this project for obtaining the Environment Clearance in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the EIA Notification 2006 for establishing similar type of Cement Grinding units. Then he requested the District Revenue Officer, Chittoor District to take over the proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing.

Then **District Revenue Officer and Additional District Magistrate, Chittoor District** & Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel, while speaking on the occasion, she informed the importance of the industrialization. She also informed to the public apart from the job opportunities proposed to provide by the proponent to the surrounding villagers. they may demand the proponent to improve basic infrastructure facilities and need based activities as desired by the villagers under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.

Sri. Srinivasa Reddy, Environmental Consultant of the project, M/s Team Labs & Consultants, Hyderabad while explaining the salient features and technicalities of the proposed project M/s. Jothe Cement Company, is proposed to establish a cement clinker grinding unit at an area of 1.21 acres with an project cost of Rs 4.4 Crores.

He briefly explained the project process that a ball mill will be used for grinding of clinker and other additives then screening and packing. With regard to water pollution industry proposed to use water of 5 KLD only for water sprinkling, greenbelt development and domestic purposes. There won't be any wastewater

generation from the process. With regard to Air pollution industry proposed to provide bag filter to the ball mill to minimize the Air pollution on surroundings.

He also informed to the public that industry proposed to generate solid waste / Hazardous waste in the form of used batteries and waste oils. These wastes are proposed to dispose through authorized agencies. Industry has also proposed to develop greenbelt with 600 saplings.

He also explained that they have collected base line data from 10 km radius in between December, 2016 to March, 2017 around the project site to assess the impacts arises from the proposed industry. The observed pollutants were within the limits as per National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). During the study they have collected water samples and found that the water quality is within the standards stipulated.

Due to establishment of the factory the Socio-economic development of the surrounding villages will occur and industry proposed to provide employment for 34 Nos preferably for locals. He also assured the public on behalf of the proponent they will take the responsibility of laying road to the stretch of about 2.2 kms which is joining to the Thambuganipalli Main Road for the welfare of the surrounding villagers.

Then The District Revenue Officer and Additional District Magistrate, Chittoor District & Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel requested the general public to express their opinions/ suggestions, objections, if any, on the proposed project, so as to record the same and will send to the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Andhra Pradesh for taking necessary action.

Sri Subramanyam Reddy, farmer, r/o Hosanapuram while speaking on the occasion informed that, they do not any objection on the proposed industry if it operates within the stipulated standards prescribed by the concerned authorities in the interest of surrounding villagers.

Sri. Mohammad Saheb, r/o Hosanapuram, expressed the same opinion that they do not have any objection, on the proposed industry if the proposed industry operates within the stipulated standards prescribed by the concerned authorities.

Sri. G.K. Subramanyam Naidu, r/o Thambuganipalli while speaking on the occasion requested the management to operate the industry as promised during the public hearing in connection with the environment.

Sri. Y. Chennakesava Reddy, while speaking on the occasion welcomed the industrial establishment and made following suggestions to the management of the industry.

1. Employment opportunities shall be provided to the locals on priority basis.
2. Rain water harvesting structures will be constructed by the management to increase the ground water table at surrounding area.
3. Skilled development programmes shall be conducted
4. Even during construction stage the priority shall be given to the local people in connection with the job opportunities.

Sri. Sunanda Reddy, while speaking on the occasion welcomed the industrial establishment and requested the management to operate the industry as desired by the surrounding people i.e, without causing any pollution problems on surrounding villages. He also informed the impact of state economy due to the establishment of the such industries.

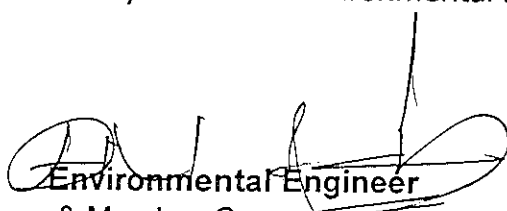
Smt. Amazon, r/o Hosanapuram, while speaking on the occasion informed that there is a mango garden belongs to her family located adjacent to the proposed industry and requested the management to operate the industry without causing any harm to their mango garden.


Sri. Srinivasa Reddy, Environmental Consultant of the project, M/s Team Labs & Consultants, Hyderabad answered the following on the concerns raised by the public during public hearing on behalf of the management on the industry.

1. Employment will be provided to the local people on priority basis.
2. Bag filters will be provided to minimize the Air pollution problems on surroundings.
3. CSR funds will be spent as per the choice of the surrounding villages (need based).
4. Management will take the responsibility of road laying to the stretch of 2.2 kms for connecting the main road.

Then **District Revenue Officer and Additional District Magistrate, Chittoor District** while making conclusive remarks informed that, the issues raised during the Public especially by Sri Y. Chenna Kesava Reddy are more genuine and appropriate viz., 33% of greenbelt, CSR Activities, conducting of crop yield assessment before and after establishment of the industry, conducting of medical camps and constructing of rain water structures are most welcome in the interest of surrounding people.

On seeing no more suggestions / objections from the public **District Revenue Officer and Additional District Magistrate, Chittoor District and the Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Panel** was concluded the Environmental Public Hearing. With the permission of the Chairman of the Public hearing panel the Environmental Public Hearing was ended with vote of thanks by Assistant Environmental Engineer, AP Pollution Control Board, Tirupati.


Environmental Engineer
& Member Convener,
APPCB, Regional Office,
Tirupati.


**District Revenue Officer &
Additional District Magistrate**
Chittoor District
Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel

