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NO.JKPCC/T/Mining/ PH/Shopian/2021/05/ 358 - 69 Dated 24-05-2021.

Sub.: Proceedings of **Public Hearing** for **Environmental Clearance** for Minor Mineral (**River Bed Mineral**) **i) Block-15, ii) Block-26, iii) Blocks- 28, iv) Blocks-29, v) Blocks- 30** and **vi) Block-33** conducted on **05.05.2021** for District Shopian (J&K)

Ref.:- *i) **TORs** letter dated 26.08.2020, 05.11.2020 and 21.11.2020*
*ii) **Public Hearing proceedings** send by email dated 18.05.2021.*

Madam,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the proceedings of **Public Hearing** conducted on **08.05.2021** by the **JK Pollution Control Committee** for the proposed Minor Mineral (**River Bed Mineral**) i) Block-15, ii) Block-26, iii) Blocks- 28, iv) Block-29, v) Block 30 and vi) Block-33 having areas **4.63 ha, 9.50 ha, 9.89 ha, 9.09 ha, 8.21 ha** and **9.27 ha** respectively of District Shopian held at village Ahgam near Army camp, District **Shopian (J&K)** for cases of **Environmental Clearance** for Minor Mineral (**River Bed Mining**) Blocks.

The Public hearing dt. **05.05.2021,** has been conducted by the panel of officers *viz.* i) ADC as representative of the **Deputy Commissioner,** Shopian as Chairman, ii) Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian and iii) **District Mineral Officer**, Geology and Mining Deptt. Shopian, in which a large number of locals public and other stake holders participated.

The details of the proceedings including following documents are hereby submitted for further necessary action.

1. **Proceedings of the Public Hearing.**
2. **DVD** of the videography / **photography** of the function. .
3. **Attendance** sheets.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: - a/a

24/5/21

(B.M. Sharma) IFS
Member Secretary,
JKPCC, Jammu.

Copy along with enclosure as above for information and necessary action to the :-

1- Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., Forest Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu.
2- Director, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, Northern Regional Office, Dakshin Marg, Bays 24-25, Sector 31A, Chandigarh.
3- Deputy Commissioner, District Shopian. This is in reference no. DCM/PA/2021/924-27 dt. 14.05.2021.
4- Director, Department of Geology and Mining Department, J&K, Jammu.
5- Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Kashmir.
6- Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.
7- Project Proponent Sh. Danish Yousif S/o Sh. Mohd. Yousf Mir R/o Doughama, Kakpora, district Pulwama , J&K, with copy to his consultant by email info@oceaoenviro.com
8- Project Proponent Sh. Bashir Ahmad wani S/o Sh. Jalal ud din Wani R/o Ladhoo, Khrew, district Pulwama, J&K, with copy to his consultant by email info@oceaoenviro.com
9- Sh. Feroz Ahmad Wani S/o Sh. Ghulam Mohd. Wani R/o Sempora, Pantha chowk, Srinagar J&K, with copy to his consultant by email info@oceaoenviro.com
10-Sh. Farooq Ahmad Wani S/o sh. Gh. Ahmad Wani R/o Oudipora, Awantipura, Pulwama J&K, with copy to his consultant by email info@oceaoenviro.com
11-Office file JKPCC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE

(As per EIA Notification RULE 7(1) Section (III) issued by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India vide S.O.1533 dated 14-09-2006 (as amended till date)

FOR

MINOR MINERAL (RIVER BED MINERAL) MINING BLOCKS

FOR

Block-15, Block-26, Block-28, Block- 29, Block-30 & Block-33

FOR

DISTRICT SHOPIAN (J&K)

Date: 05-05-2021

Venue: Village Ahgam near Army Camp, Shopian

Minutes of the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was conducted on 5th of May, 2021, at Village Ahgam near Army camp, Tehsil Keegam District Shopian for Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) Extraction for Block-15, Block-26, Block-28, Block-29, Block-30 & Block-33 for District Shopian.

Notice for public hearing was issued by the Member Secretary, J&K Pollution Control Committee, Jammu on 05-04-2021wherein the date of public hearing was fixed as 05-05-2021, wide publicity was given to the Public Hearing Notice through Newspapers. Accordingly, public hearing was conducted on 05-05-2021 at village Ahgam near Army Camp, Tehsil Keegam District Shopian for Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) Extraction for Block-15, Block-26, Block-28, Block-29, Block-30& Block-33 for District Shopian (J &K). The Public Hearing was attended by the following officers:

1) **Additional District Magistrate, Shopian.**
2) **District Mineral Officer, Department of Geology & Mining, Shopian.**
3) **Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.**

A large number of inhabitants of the area as well as adjoining areas, participated in the public hearing whose names are recorded and enclosed herewith as **Annexure-A**.The entire proceedings of the public hearing were photo-graphed and video-graphed. The video-graphy of the public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-B.** The participants were given the opportunity to present their opinion regarding the proposed activity.

1. The Public Hearing started with inaugural welcome speech of Sh. Khurshid Ahmad Ganai, Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian wherein he welcomed the general public gathered to attend the public hearing besides the officers who were present for the purpose. He explained to the audience the purpose of conducting the public hearing and ensured that opinion of public whether in favour or opposition of proposed project shall be put forth before the authorities in letter and spirit. He also urged the audience to freely express their concerns without fear or favour.

2. **Sh.Varun Bhardwaj** Environment Consultant of **M/s OCEAO-ENVIRO MANAGEMENT SOLLUTIONSINDIA PVT LTD.217** Judge colony Sector-12 VasundharaGhaziabad,U.P. gave a detailed account of the proposed project for 15, 26& 33Mining Blocks before the general public present there and the panel for conducting public hearing and the details in the shape of pamphlets were also distributed among the dignitaries present there. The Consultant emphasized the merits of the project, its impacts remedial measures to overcome Water, Air,Soil and Noise Pollution at source and on the concerned routes wherefrom vehicles ply during transportation

of material. The Consultant apprized the gathering that the lease will be for five years and all possible Pollution Control Measures will be adopted like water sprinkling on metalled roads and plantation around during operation of project. The safety gadgets to workers and also assured gathering about the employment to locals.He laid emphasis in the socio-economic benefits which would accrue on the coming up of the said activity. He finally completed his briefing regarding Environment Management Plan for all the three blocks 15,26 and 33 in first half.

3. **Mr Raja Waheed DDC member** from **Balpora**Shopian opposed the proposed activity and insisted the authorities not to issue any NOC to any of the project proponent and the activity may not be permitted at all. He further apprized the gathering that it has bad impact on orchards, irrigation channels and drinking water. He proposed that the Royalty may be taken from local people who will manually do the job without adverse effects on human population, flora and fauna.

4. **Mr Abdul Hamid** S/o Ghulam Rasool R/o Ahgamstated that this area is flood prone area and such activity may not be allowed as it will have adverse effects.

5. **Mr Ghulam Qadir Bhat Sarpanch** from **OduraKeegam** started that the Noise levels generated by Tractors, Tippers and JCBs have made their smooth nights restless and sleepless. He further stated that our irrigation channels and orchards / agricultural land have been badly affected. He opposed the move.

6. **Mr Vakil Ahmad R/o Sugan** insisted their land 1100 Kanals eroded due to flood and had been given on lease which is injustice with the people of said area and demanded that the land shall be given back to them. He opposed the move.

7. **Mr Ghulam Mohi u din Lone R/oAhgam** demands for establishment of Dispensary and PHC for the area. He insisted that during COVID19 Pandemic we are deprived of such facilities and are facing difficulties.

8. **Mr Mehraj u din Bukhari** demanded Playground and Dispensary for the area although the land stands earmarked for the same. He further added that the irrigation channels may not be destroyed.

9. **Mr Tariq Ahmad R/o Balpora**Shopian requested the Addl. Deputy Commissioner Shopian that the land earmarked for lease of Mining Blocks within Balpora area actually belongs to Panchayat as per revenue record and stated that they have revenue record. He opposed the proposed move with hard voice.

The Public Hearing for first half was concluded and with the permission of Addl. Deputy Commissioner Shopian the proceedings for 2nd half started for Blocks 28,29 & 30 and the minutes are lying as under:

1. After the welcome address from Divisional Officer PCC Shopian, the Environment

Consultant **Shri Varun Bhardwaj** once again elaborated the merits of Mining of Minor Mineral for providing employment to local youth and the measures to be taken regarding control of Pollution in respect of Water, Air, Noise and Soil. He assured the gathering that there will be socio-economic benefits which would accrue on the coming up of the said activity.

2. **Mr Abdul Majid Wani** S/o Abdul Aziz Wani R/o NowporaBalastrongly opposed the move and told that 27 irrigation canals will get badly affected and their Agri cultural land/ Horticultural land will get converted into Banjar land if the activity is permitted. He further stated that the dust generated during the movement of Tractors, Tippers, etc. affected badly their residential houses and orchards. He further insisted that during night hours the JCBs have damaged our irrigation canals and the inhabitants of the area are exclusively dependent on these irrigation canals. He requested Addl. Deputy Commissioner that JCB may not be allowed in any case. He also highlighted some other issues related to eroded land by flood in 2014, Ration issues, Health care establishment problem.

3.**Mr Farooq Ahmad Kaloo** R/o AllowporaSarpanch also demanded that the irrigation channels to be saved at large interest of people of the area and village to be saved from floods in future.

4. **MrNaseer Ahmad** R/o Turkwangam stated that some unknown persons who belong to Lessee group injured him seriously when he resisted. He requested to authorities that 'No' any JCB be permitted for excavation.

5. **MrVakil Ahmad** R/o Sugan insisted that Rambi Ara shall not be permitted for Mining and no JCB shall be allowed to excavate the sand, bajri and boulders. He insisted that locals be given priority.

6. **Aashiq Hussain Ganaie** R/o Darazpora opposed the move and insisted that no outsider be given permission for mining from RambiAra and urged that EC may not be issued at any cost. Otherwise will proceed to Court of Law for justice.

Finally, the Addl. Deputy Commissioner Shopian intervene into the matter regarding illegal use of JCB for excavation during night hoursand has given directions to the concerned District Mineral Officer Shopian to seize the machine if any found and also assured gathering that strict action will be taken against violators under rules which has been appreciated by the gathering present there.

The Public Hearing ended by a"vote of thanks" given by Divisional Officer Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.

From the above discussions during both the sessions of Public Hearing it can be construed that the people were opposing Mining Activities because of their apprehension about damage to the irrigation canals by excavation. They were also apprehensive of its impact on their horticulture and agriculture activities , loss of land, unemployment among the local population, use of mechanical equipments for mining during night hours, environmental/ecological degradation.The above mentioned issues raised by the public should be taken care of before granting environmental clearances.

Divisional Officer,
PCC, Shopian
(Also Representing
Reg. Director Kmr)

District Mineral Officer,
Deptt. Of Geology &
Mining, Shopian

Addl. District Magistrate,
Shopian

District Magistrate
Chairman Environment Committee

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