MINUTES OF MEETING

OF

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL 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

(BLOCK-06) HAVING AN AREA OF 9.62 ha KUNZER BRIDGE TO BANI BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM NALLAH TO FEROZPORA

&

(BLOCK-08) HAVING AN AREA OF 6.38 ha NALLAH FEROZPORE LALPORA BRIDGE TO BABGUND DOWNSTREAM.

AT

VILLAGE KUNZER TANGMARG & LALPORA PATTAN OF DISTRICT BARAMULLA.

Date:-17-03-2022

Venue:- Town Hall Municipal Committee Kunzer Tangmarg Baramulla.

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Minutes of Public Hearing

Public hearing conducted on 17th of March 2022, at Town Hall Municipal Committee Kunzer Tangmarg for Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) extraction blocks 06 & 08 having an area 6.92 ha Kunzer Bridge to Bani Bridge Downstream Nallah Ferozpora for Block 06 & area of 6.38 ha Nallah ferozpora Lalpora Bridge to Babgund Downstream for Block 08.

Notice for Public Hearing was issued by Member secretary J&K PCC Kashmir on 15-02-2022 wherein date of public hearing was fixed as 17-03-2022 .Wide Publicity was given to the public hearing notice through news papers. Accordingly Public Hearing was conducted on 17-03-2022 at Town Hall Municipal Committee Kunzer Tangmarg Baramulla for extraction blocks 06 having an area 9.62 ha Kunzer Bridge to Bani Bridge Downstream Nallah Ferozpora & Block 08 area of 6.38 ha Nallah Ferozpora Lalpora Bridge to Babgund Downstream.
Hearing was attended by the following officers .

1. Additional District Magistrate Baramulla.
2. District Mineral Officer , Department of Geology & Mining Baramulla.
3. Divisional Officer , Pollution Control Committee Baramulla.
4. Representative from Regional Office JK PCC Kashmir & others.
5. Tehsildar Kawarhama Abdul Aziz.
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7. President MC Kunzer Abdul Gani Dar.

A large no of inhabitants of the area as well as adjoining areas participated in the public hearing whose names are recorded & enclosed herewith as **Annexure –A.** The entire proceedings of the public hearing were photographed & videographed .The videography of the public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-B**. The participants were given the opportunity to present their opinion regarding the proposed activity .

Excerpts from the speeches made by the participants are listed below:-

1. **Mansoor Ahmad Khan (Anchor):** He welcomed all the participants & officers of District Administration incluiding ADC Baramulla, DMO Baramulla, Tehsildar Kawarhama, Tehsildar Kunzer , SHO police Station Kunzer, Section Officer Geology & Mining , President of MC Kunzer & Secretary MC Kunzer for & on behalf of District Officer PCC Baramulla .Anchor made audience aware of the public hearing Conducted by J&K PCC for environmental clearance of minor Mineral Blocks 06 measuring 9.62 ha & Block -08 measuring 6.38 ha .First of all Anchor invited representative of Project Proponent Mr.Hussain Kazmi .

2. **Hussain Kazmi (Project Proponent):**- Revealed Executive Summary of the project including location of Blocks with Geo references, Quantum of Land , quantity to be extracted per annum. He expressed importance of the mining as per approved mining plan on scientific lines which inversely would stop illegal mining .He assured the audience that every care shall be taken for safeguard of Bridges over mining Nallah , safeguard of embankment areas and flora & Fauna of the Nallah. He assured that light machines will be used in mining process for augmenting manpower and assured that mining will not be carried out during night hours. He pledged to uphold corporate social

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responsibility .Assurance of separate roads for mining purpose with proper anti-dust measures like water sprinkling system, covering of vehicles carrying material was also made by him.

Public Speakers

1. **Mohammad Shafi Sheikh (Tipper Owner Association President) :-**

He expressed that Mining with depth upto twenty feet is being executed particularly in Block 06 near Kunzer Town. He requested administration for proper identification of mining land fixation of rate list for sand , Bajri & aggregates from Stone Crushers. He was also of the opinion that local manual Manpower & local transport should be used in mining .

2. **Shafqat Mohi Ud Din R/o Khore :-**

He raised issue of Corporate Social responsibility, royalty of material, issue of Fast driving by Tippers/ Tractor drivers .He also expressed his apprehensions about impact of mining on the irrigation facility of Agricultural Land which may get affected due to mining.

3. **Nambardar Lalpora Ghulam Mohammad Rather :-**

He raised issue of safety of Hardabani ---Lalpora Bridge which may get damged due to the mining . The Nambardar Requested to Distrct Adminsitration That the Mining for blocks should be done legally & in accordance with the rules and opputunity should be given to the local labourers for the said job.

4. **Abdul Rahman Wani R/o Lalpora :-**

He urged that land records should be checked before mining is permitted. Further he expressed no objection for legal mining operations in the area .Extraction should be done from the Bed leaving safety zone from Banks.The River Bed material should be given to the adjacent villagers on nominal rates.

5. **Ashiq Gulzar R/o Khore :-**

He welcomed mining of Block 08 which as per his views will facilitate the area in keeping a fixed material rate.He facilitated , welcomed the initiative taken by Government for systematic , scientific , legal minor mineral mining . he also underscore the importance of irrigation facility that needs to be protected during mining.

6. **Abdul Majeed Khanday :-**

As per his views , extraction of material from Block 06 would damage bridges over Nallah.The irrigation canals and both embankments should be protected during mining.River Bed Material should be given to the locals , shrines on concessional rates.

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7. DMO Baramulla Peer Zahid Ahmad JKAS:

DMO Baramulla advised the queries of audience with regard to overcharging by the lessees , using unscientific methods of mining etc.He assured audience that strict legal action shall be initiated against those who indulge in any sort of malpractice with regard to legal mining of minerals.

8. Tehsildar Kawarhama Abdul Aziz:-

He highlighted importance of the outsourcing of mining by conceding that it has made regulation of process easy. He however expressed his reservation for not consulting revenue staff during auctioning of Blocks in 2019.

9. President MC Kunzer Abdul Gani Dar:-

He welcomed Public Hearing event conducted by **JK PCC Baramulla**. He requested concerned Tehsildar for proper demarcation of Mining Land .He stressed that three Bridges on Nallah at Block 06 should not get affected , illegal mining should be banned .He assured full cooperation of Institution with administration in Legal mining.

10. ADC Baramulla Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Raina JKAS :-

He thanked J&k PCC for conducting Public Hearing for Environmental Clearance of Minor Mineral Blocks. The participants, especially the project proponent, and local administration were sensitized about the concerns raised by the speakers with regard to following important aspects associated with the mining process in Block 6 & 8.

a. No illegal mining shall be allowed in the blocks.
b. The depth of the mining shall be limited to permissible depth of One meter.
c. That District Administration will not allow illegal mining & advised audience to avoid illegal means of mining.
d. That unskilled manpower shall be engaged by Project Proponent to assure employment opportunity.
e. That Bridges falling in the mining areas shall be taken care of on top priority to avoid Public Loss and no mining within 500 meters distance on both sides of bridge piers shall be undertaken.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the Public Hearing, the aforementioned residents of Village Kunzer ,Bani ,Lalpora & Babgund of District Baramulla expressed no objection for systematic , scientific & legal mining operations in the area.Mining should be socio-economic friendly & biodiversity should be maintained & supported the mining of Minor Mineral from The River Bed.Further District Officer PCC Baramulla thanked the District Administration , DMO Baramulla , Tehsildar Concerned , President MC Kunzer , Police Department for maintaining the Law & order during the Public hearing & General Public for participating in the Public Hearing which concluded successfully & peacefully.

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J&K PCC
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Baramulla

Addl. District Magistrate
District Baramulla

Representative of
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