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No.: JKPCC/T/C/Mining/PP/Shop/2021/10/ 1154-64 Dated: 17-09-2021.

Sub.: Proceedings of **Public Hearing** for **Environmental Clearance** for Minor Mineral (**River Bed Mineral**) **Block-14** and **Block-20** conducted on **08.09.2021** for District Shopian (J&K).

Ref.:- *i) TORs letter dated 12.02.2021.*
ii) Public Hearing Notification No. JKPCC/T/C/Mining/PP/Shop/2021/847-57 dt. 09.08.2021 .

Madam,

Kindly find enclosed herewith the proceedings of **Public Hearing** conducted on **08.09.2021** by the **JK Pollution Control Committee** for the proposed Minor Mineral **(River Bed Mineral) Block-14** and **Block-20** having areas **8.65 ha** and **7.95 ha** respectively held at Govt. Meddle School, Kani Pora (Balpora) District Shopian (J&K) for **Environmental Clearance** of the mining blocks.

The Public hearing has been conducted by the panel of officers *viz.* i) Additional District Commissioner as representative of the **Deputy Commissioner,** Shopian as Chairman, ii) Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, **Kulgam** (Representative of Regional Director, PCC, Kashmir), iii) Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian and iv) District Mineral Officer, Geology and Mining Deptt. Shopian, in which a large number of locals public and different stake holders participated.

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

1. **Proceedings** of the **Public Hearing** forwarded by **District Magistrate, Shopian.**
2. **DVD** of the videography / **photography** of the Public Hearing.
3. **Attendance** sheets.
4. **News paper** cutting.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: - a/a

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(B.M.Sharma) IFS
Member Secretary,
JK PCC, Jammu.

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

i. Commissioner/Secretary to Govt., Forest Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu.
ii. Director, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India, Northern Regional Office, Dakshin Marg, Bays 24-25, Sector 31A, Chandigarh.
iii. Deputy Commissioner, District Shopian. This is in reference no. DMS/PA/2021/2223-26 dt. 09.09.2021.
iv. Director, Department of Geology and Mining Department, Jammu (J&K).
v. Regional Director, Pollution Control Committee, Kashmir.
vi. Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.
vii. I/c website, J&K Pollution Control Committee for uploading on website.
viii. Prop. Shri Umesh Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Shiv Narayan Sharma R/o B-33/568 Near Gurudwara Saroop Nagar, Distt. Ludhina, Punjab.
ix. Prop. Shri Karanvir Singh S/o Shri Surinder Singh R/o Lane No. 03, Shaheed Udham Singh Nagar Pathankot, Punjab -145001.
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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-14 &Block-20

OF

DISTRICT SHOPIAN (J&K)

Date: 08-09-2021

Venue: Govt Middle School KaniporaBalpora, Shopian

Minutes of the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was conducted on 08th of September, 2021, at Govt Middle School Kanipora Balpora Shopian, Tehsil Shopian District Shopian for Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) Extraction for Block-14 &Block-20 for District Shopian.

Notice for public hearing was issued by the Member Secretary, J&K Pollution Control Committee, Jammu on 09-08-2021 wherein the date of public hearing was fixed as 08-09-2021. Wide publicity was given to the Public Hearing Notice through Newspapers. Accordingly, Public Hearing was conducted on 08-09-2021 at Govt. Middle School Kanipora Balpora Shopian, Tehsil &District Shopian for Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) Extraction for (i) Block-14 having an area 8.65ha from Mini Secretariat Shopian Downstream Rambiara Nallah (ii) Block-20 having an area 7.95ha from Govt. Middle School Dumwani Downstream Rambiara Nallah Shopian (J &K). The Public Hearing was attended by the following officers:

1) **Additional District Development Commissioner, Shopian.**
2) **District Mineral Officer, Department of Geology & Mining, Shopian.**
3) **Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee, Shopian.**
4) **Divisional Officer, Pollution Control Committee Kulgam representing Regional Director Pollution Control Committee Kashmir.**

Besides above, the officers/ officials from line departments also participated in Public Hearing and were given chance to raise objections if any regarding the mining activity before the environment consultant and also listen the grievances of general public and redress the same.

A large number of inhabitants of the 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.** All 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. As per EIA Notification Rule 7(1) Section (III) issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India vide S.O.1533 dated 14 September, 2006 (as amended till date) the public consultation is of great importance in such projects. He 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. **Shri Hussain Zia-ud -Din** Environment Consultant of **M/s P & M Solutions (Noida)** gave a detailed briefing about the Blocks 14&20. He emphasized various measures to be taken during the activity, covered under Environment Management Plan. He assured the dignitaries and public that that Pollution Control norms shall be strictly followed as and when activity gets started. He mentioned that a provision has been kept for installation of various Pollution Control Devices and Measures in and around the Mineral Blocks and employment shall be provided to the locals only. He further added that the sprinkling of water on roads, plantation around the periphery, retaining wall to the banks will be the priority and 95% employment will be provided to locals. Mining activity will be carried out during day time only and upto 01 metre depth only. He further added that the Monitoring will be done regularly and in case of any complaint lodged against the activity which can be redressed as per law. He emphasized that water pumps, computer for schools can be provided in addition to the genuine demand of locals / inhabitants of the area residing in close proximity through Graham Panchayat of the area.

3. **Mr Nazir Ahmad Lone** S/o Abdul Aziz Lone R/o Kanipora showed serious concern towards the flood as happened during 2014. He added that some proprietary land got eroded during 2014 flood and turned into a part of Rambiara and the concerned Revenue department failed to demarcate the said land till date. He stressed for the construction of retaining / line wall along the banks of the River to overcome the situation during flood against the damage to the orchards. He also urged for the fixation of rates of material.

4. **Mr Hussain Zia- ud- Din** (Environment Consultant) replied the objections raised by the above person and told that all possible measures will be adopted and regarding the fixation of rates. He said that the same is being done by concerned district administration thereby created some hope among the locals.

5. **Mr Tariq Ahmad Malik** R/o Ganowpora Shopian raised a question about the trust that whether the mining can be done in manner so that the irrigation canals don't get damaged, locals be engaged in employment activities rates can be fixed as and when the project is cleared.

6. **Mr Hussain Zia-ud -Din**, Environment Consultant replied the questions raised and assured the participants that No tipper or tractor driver shall be engaged from outside areas. Irrigation canals as demarcated by Irrigation department will be protected and retaining wall shall be provided as and when required.

7. **Mr Raja Waheed,** DDC Member Balpora Shopian has shown serious concern about Rambiara as it is a natural resource and heritage of Shopian. He further added that the orchards, irrigation channels, aquatic life shall be severely

destroyed if the proposed project be cleared. Dust generated during the movement of tippers, tractors etc. shall affect on our horticulture activities and also affects the water quality. He further added that we are not against the bidders who spent their money for said purposes but our concern is to protect environmental degradation and the aquatic life as well.

8. **Mr Mohammad Ashraf Dar**S/o Abdul Majeed Dar R/o Kanipora Shopian told that deep trenches up to 20 feet have been made by illegal mining and our walkable road (pathway) from Kanipora to Arhama has been destroyed and now we are facing lot of problems to move on this path. He requested the concerned authorities to make the pathways safe for walking. He also demanded that the eroded land shall be returned back to the concern persons having their propriety rights on it.

9. **Mr Gulam Hassan Bhat** S/o Abdul Satar Bhat R/o Ganowpora also demanded for the safety ofabove-mentioned pathway and the eroded land be returned back to their proprietors.

10. **Mr Gulzar Ahmad Malik** S/o Gulam Mohammad Malik R/o Kanipora a teacher by profession stresses upon the eroded land to be given back to their proprietors and demanded for the protection of habitation from Air and Noise Pollution created during the transportation of material by tippers and tractors during night hours that rendered their nights sleepless and discomfort. He urged that the future generation be saved from Noise and Air Pollution besides the aquatic life, flora and fauna of the area before clearing the project. The provision for separate roads may be kept for our safety.

11. **Environment Consultant** in his reply told that the proposed projects are not within the eroded land of villagers claiming for but the same has been demarcated by the concern Revenue Department and Geology & Mining Department after proper verification of records. Further, we have proposed 05 feet retaining wall to the banks all along.

12. **Mr Irfan Manhaas,** DDC Vice Chairman Shopian told that illegal mining should totally be banned and a very big mafia is doing such activity during night hours and have damaged our Rambiara completely. The dredging/ excavation up to 20 feet has been done for extraction of mineral illegally. He further added that No one shall change our behaviour / attitude and we must stand united to save our resources. If legally some people may get the bid then the activity must be carried out as per legal procedure and according to Environmental norms for safety of all.

13. **Mr Mohammad Yousuf Mir(Addl. District Development Commissioner Shopian)** assuredthe gathering that Govt. takes every step forthe sustainable developmentand no person can be hurt. The issues raised during the entire proceedings of Public Hearing can be brought in the notice of concern departments viz Revenue, PHE, Fisheries, etc including Pollution Control Board for their redressal. He apprized the gathering about their own activities causing destruction of Nallahs and other valuable natural resources. He assured the gathering that if they have some concerns about the activity they must approach to concern department along with senior citizens, Sarpanchs and Panchs for redressal of their grievances.

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

Various views related to mining were given by different public representatives. Issues related to illegal mining, deep drugging, un-employment, environmental issues etc as came out during discussion needs to be addressed before granting any Environmental clearance.

Divisional Officer
PCC, Shopian

Divisional Officer
PCC,Kulgam

District Mineral Officer
Deptt. Of Geology &
Mining, Shopian

Addl. District Development Commissioner
Shopian

District Magistrate
Chairman Environment Committee

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Annexure 'A'

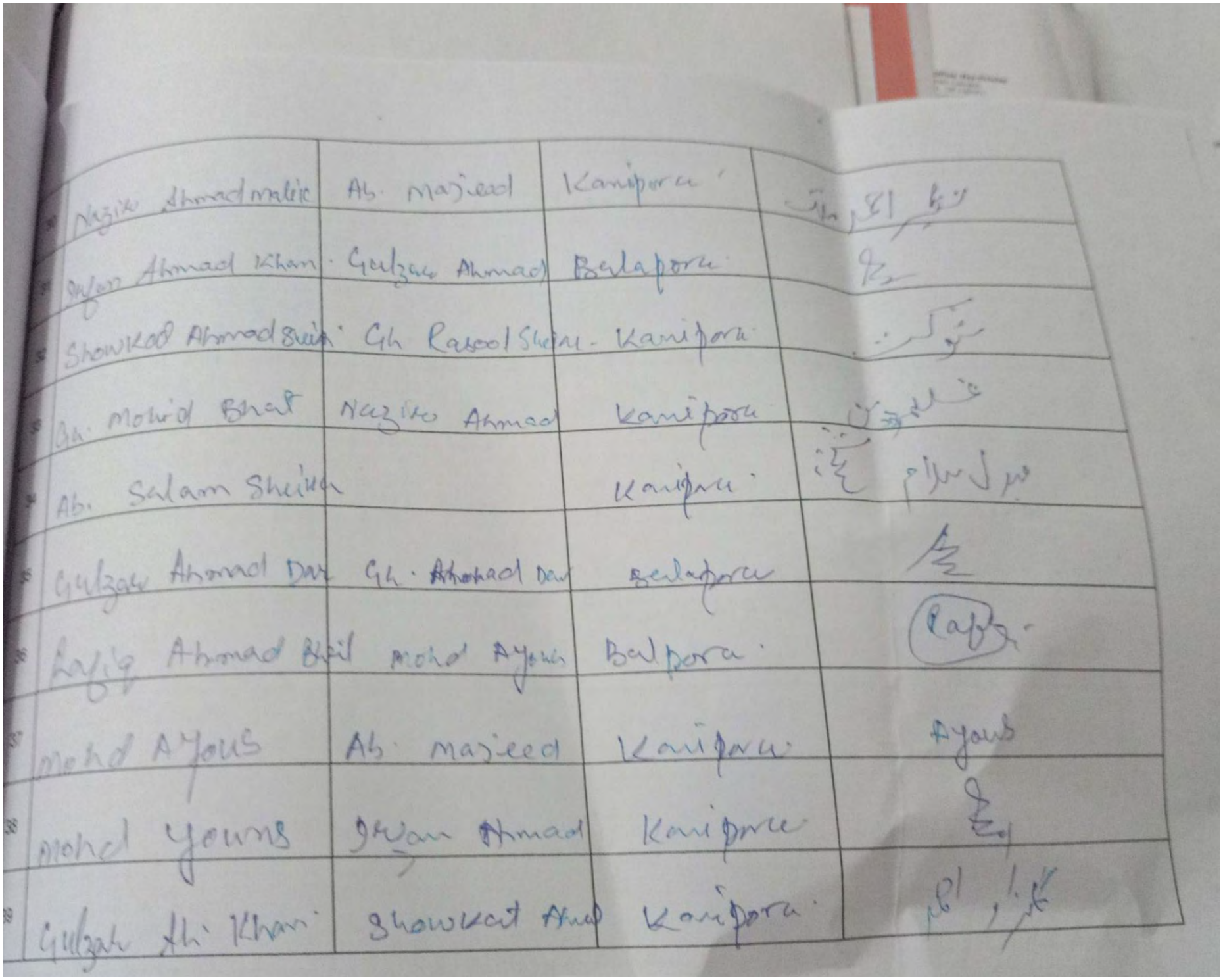
Attendence Sheet of Panel ... present in Public Hearing ... regarding Mining of Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) at Govt Middle School Kanipora Shopian on 08-09-2021.

S.No.	Name of the Officer	Department/Designation	Mobile No.	Signature
1	Mohammad Yousuf Mir	ADDC - Shopian	7889370375	
2	Majid Aziz Shah	DMO Shopian	9419011020	
3	Bashir Ah. Wani.	Dist. officer Nodal cum representative RO (K) PCC.	9419470301	
4	Khurshid Ahmad Ganai	Distt. officer PCB Shopian	7006618141	
5	Shah. Mohd Wani	Soil & Water Conservation	9149537909	
6	Zaffar-ul-Hamid	Fisheries Civil incharge.	7006384268.	

Attendence Sheet of Public Participants present in Public Hearing regarding Mining of Minor Mineral (River Bed Mineral) at Govt. Middle School Kanipora Balpora Shopian on 08-09-2021.

S.No	Name & address	Parentage	Mobile No.	Signature
1	Shaukat Safi	Ab. Gaine. Safi	9839946121	
2	Jamal Ahmad	M. Kamal.	7780781930	
3	Bashir Ahmad Dar	Gh. mohd Dar	9622645404	
4	Mohd. Athar	Bashir Ah.	8082491971	
5	Imtiyaz Saifi	Shbeir Ah.	9622343081	
6	Tariq Ahmad Malik.	M. Ramzan.	9797789189	
7	Muzaffar Ah. mir	Goffar Mir	7780810967	
8	Javed Ah. Bhat	M. Sultan	9858263870	
9	Devraj Sharma	Ab. Samad	7006452910	

20	Tariq		7596622389	Tariq
21	Hasib Ahmad	Gh. Ahmad	7006009504	
22	Abdullah		8938013650	
23	Javed Lone		7051758227	
24	Jantayiz Ah. Malik	Gh. Rasool	8006345668	
25	Aftab Hussain	Ashiq	9541202421	Aftab
26	Javed Rasool		9622232433	
27	Gh. mohd Bhat	S/o Ab. Rashid Bhat	6006370060	G. M. B.
28	Ab Rahami Shik	S/o Ab. Majid Shik		
29	Bashair Ah. Waire	S/o M. Ramzan		Bashir.



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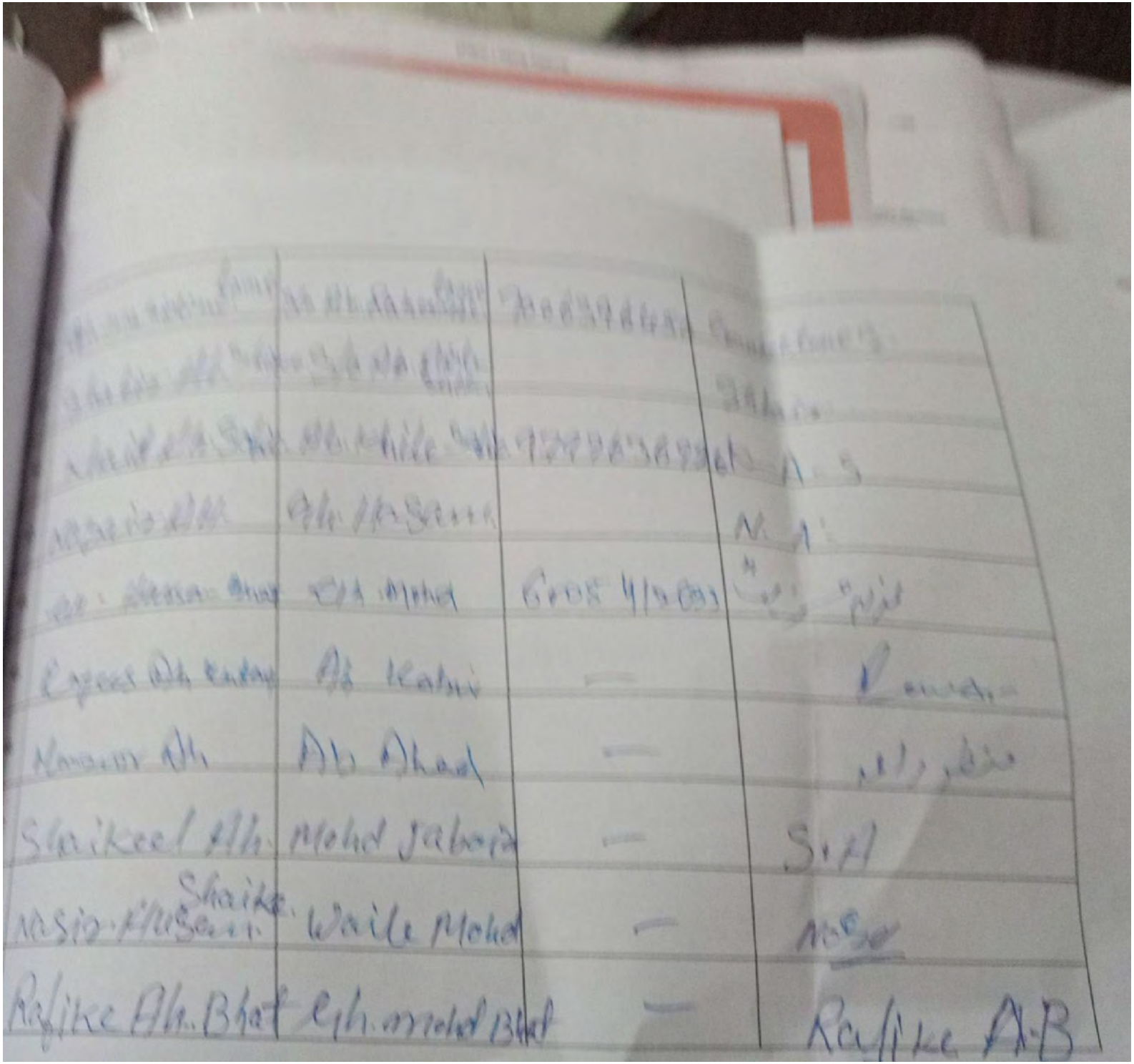
Irfan Ahmad Khan	Gulzar Ahmad	Belapora	
Showkat Ahmad Sheikh	Gh Rasool Sheikh	Kanipora	
Ab. Mohid Bhat	Nazir Ahmad	Kanipora	
Ab. Salam Sheikh		Kanipora	
Gulzar Ahmad Dar	Gh. Ahmad Dar	Belapora	
Rafiq Ahmad Bhat	Mohd Ayoub	Belpora	Rafiq
Mohd Ayoub	Ab. Majeed	Kanipora	Ayoub
Mohd Younis	Irfan Ahmad	Kanipora	
Gulzar Ah. Khan	Showkat Ahmad	Kanipora	



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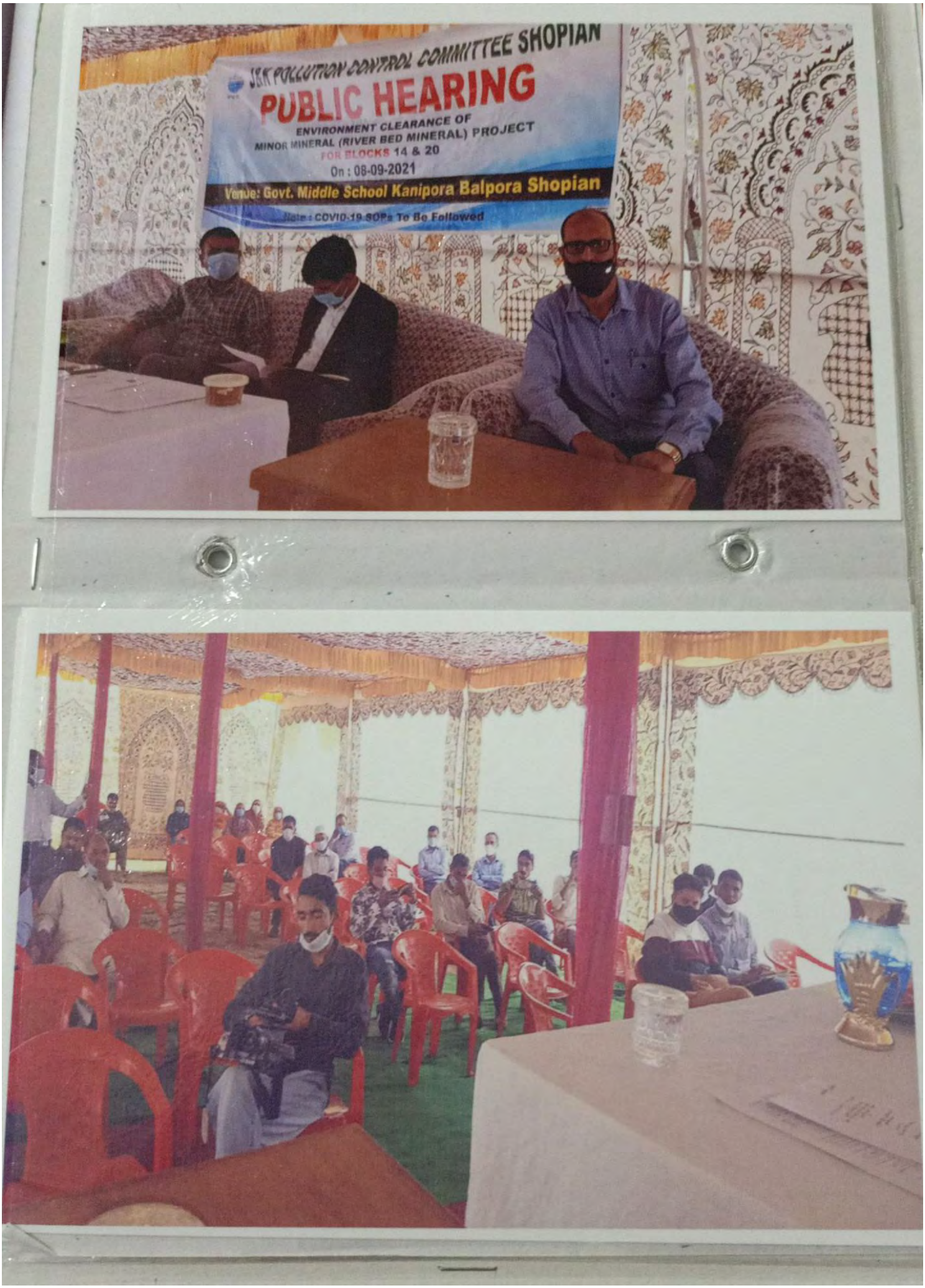
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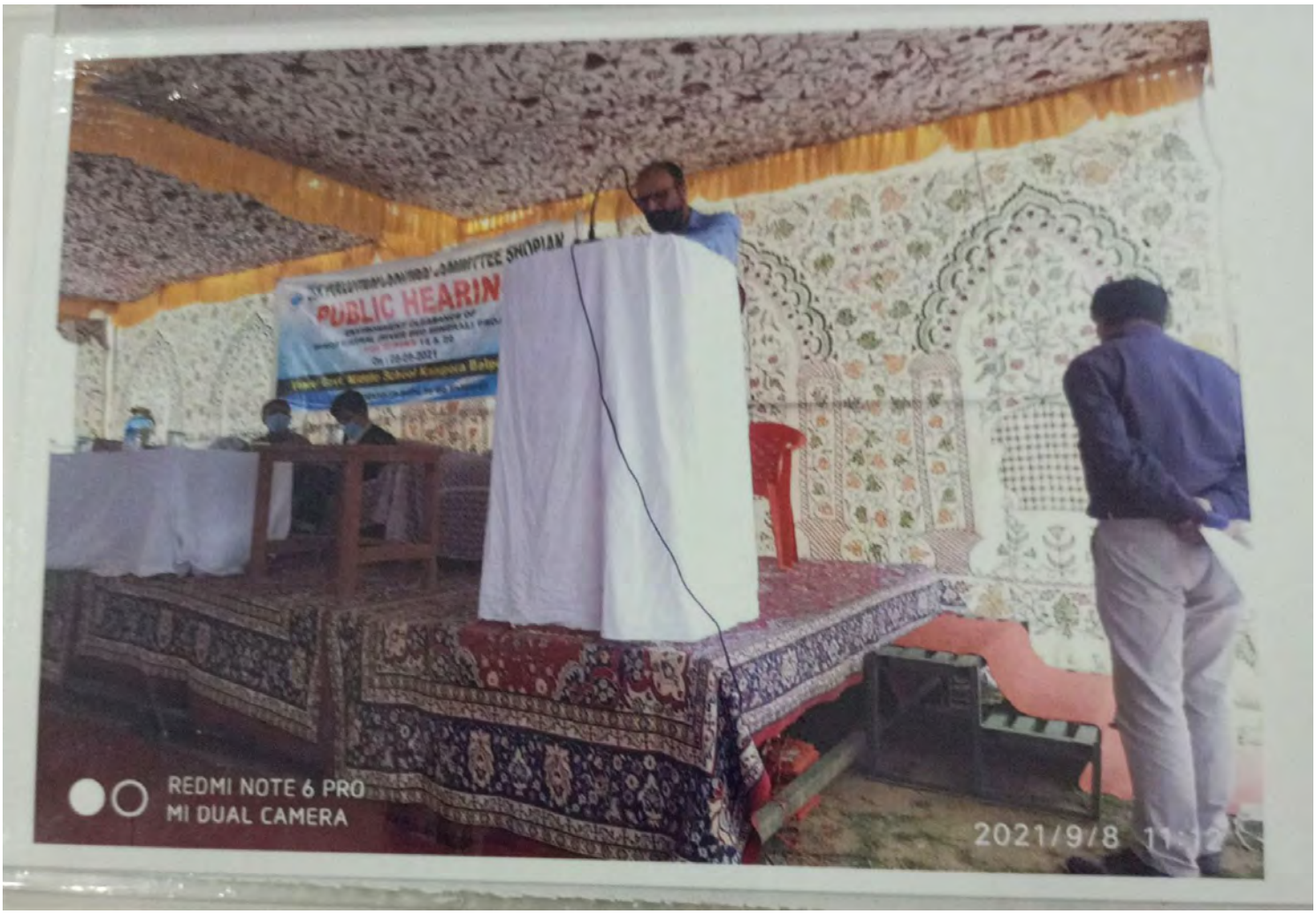
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