

Proceedings of Environmental Public Hearing conducted on date: 20/09/2024 on the proposal submitted by Sh. Andresh Syal, S/o Sh. Pritam Chand, Alampur, Sub-Tehsil Alampur, District Kangra H.P. for the extraction of sand stone & bajri at Khasra No. 740 measuring 01-58-56 Hect. (Pvt. Land, River bed) falling in Mohal Bagh, Mauza Alampur, Tehsil Jaisinghpur, District Kangra H.P.

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The officers/officials from Forest Department, Industry Department, Mining Department, Ayurveda Department, Horticulture Department, and Police Department, etc were present during the public hearing. Pradhan/ Up-Pradhan and representatives of Panchayat, & local public of Panchayats were also present during the public hearing.

First of all, Er. Varun Gupta, Regional Officer, H. P. State Pollution Control Board, Regional Office Dharamshala welcomed the Chairman, officers and officials of various Departments, representatives of all Panchayats, local public, project proponents and their consultants. He requested everyone to express their views, comments, suggestions and objections regarding the proposal submitted without any fear and pressure, and Chairman was requested to permit to start the public hearing.

The Chairman permitted to start the process of public hearing and requested the project proponent to give the detailed description to the public about the project proposal. The detailed description regarding this proposed mining area was given by the consultant of the Project Proponent. The Chairman also requested the people present in this Environmental Public Hearing to express their views, comments, suggestions and objections regarding this proposed Mining Lease without any fear and pressure from any corner.

Videography of the public hearing was carried out. Accordingly the proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing were recorded and the same are reproduced here as under.

Sr. No.	Name & Address	Issues/Suggestions raised	Reply
1	Smt. Shakuntla Devi, Pradhan Gram Panchayat Alampur, Distt. Kangra, HP	She requested the residents of Village Bagh, ward No. 03 to stand up and said that objections had been raised by these people during the Public hearing for the Dhaulasidha project. And the applicant of this proposed mining lease has also raised their objections during that public hearing. She said that the information given for this public hearing was wrong and incomplete and people had no information about it. The information about the location of this public hearing was not mentioned in the letter issued to our Panchayat. Only the project proponent and his family members are present in this public hearing.	Assistant Environmental Engineer, Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board informed that the State Pollution Control Board is responsible to provide the information of public hearing in the concerned affected area. The information of this public hearing was given by Junior Environmental Engineer State Pollution Control Board on 18/09/2024 through drum beating as well as notices pasted in public places and the same was recorded through videography. The same information was also published in newspapers. He informed that person from any place can attend this public hearing and submit their suggestions/objections related to this mining lease project. The document presented by the Pradhan Gram Panchayat Alampur is related to SJVNL project and not related to this mining lease project. He requested to express their views, comments, suggestions and objections regarding this proposed Mining Lease project, so the same could be answered by the project proponent or their consultant.

2	Sh. Anshul Jaiswal, R/o Bagh, Alampur, Distt. Kangra, HP	He asked to the Pradhan Gram Panchayat about the objections against this project. He said that everyone was informed about this public hearing through drum beating. Apart from this, posters have also been pasted. Confusion is being spread here by Pradhan Gram Panchayat.	-----
3	Smt. Shakuntla Devi, Pradhan Gram Panchayat Alampur, Distt. Kangra, HP	She said that Sh. Andresh Syal and Sh. Bharat Saini had raised their objections against the mining lease earlier. Objections were also raised by the people of Bagh ward. This public hearing should be conducted on the proposed mining lease area and all the people from adjacent lands who came here should be asked whether they were aware about this environmental public hearing or not? She said that this public hearing should be conducted again and should be conducted in Bagh Ward.	Assistant Environmental Engineer, Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board Dharamshala informed that this environmental public hearing is being organized in the concerned Gram Panchayat. For the convenience of the people, the environmental public hearing has been organized at an easily accessible place so that maximum people can participate in environmental public hearing. This public hearing could have been organized in the proposed mining lease area/Khad, but people has been registering their objections earlier in different areas for organizing the environmental public hearing in khad. Therefore, environmental public hearing is organized in the concerned Panchayat as per the convenience of the people. The letter has been issued to your Panchayat in this regard that in which place this public hearing is being organized and information of the same has also been passed on by conducting drum beating in the local panchayats. He requested the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Alampur to raise their

			suggestions/objections on behalf of public, related to this mining project so that the same could be recorded.
4	Sh. Vijay Rana, Village & Gram Panachayat Jangal, Distt. Kangra, HP	He informed that as the Pradhan Gram Panchayat told about the road for the proposed mining lease area for the public hearing. He said that there is no road for the mining lease area and all land adjacent to this mining lease area has already been sold out. This land has been purchased by SJVNL and confusion is being spread here.	
5	Sh. Bharat Bhushan Saini, R/o Bagh, Alampur, Distt. Kangra, HP	<p>First of all, he thanked Chairman and the officers and officials of various departments and the local residents present and said that they had registered objections about mining, in the public hearing about 02 years ago. Our 15 Kanal land has been damaged due to mining activities. For this, a letter has been written to the concerned Pradhan of Gram Panchayat and National Disaster Management Authority. As he told that no one has any land along this mining lease area, you can inspect that my 15 Kanal land is in this area along the Beas river and it has been damaged and no action has been taken on it till date.</p> <p>He said that the mining project has not started yet, so can you give in writing that there will be no damage to the land after the operation of this mining project? Because objections have been registered before this.</p> <p>He said that lot of damage has been done here due to mining activities only. All the damage here was done</p>	<p>The project consultant informed that if the damage in this area is due to illegal mining activities, you should take up the matter with Mining department. In addition, he said if this mining lease would be granted then there will be no illegal mining activity here. Therefore, this mining project is beneficial for us.</p> <p>The project consultant informed that the damage caused in the year 2023 is due to the heavy rainfall or cloud burst and this damage is caused everywhere. This damage has not happened due to mining activity.</p> <p>The project consultant informed that mining activity will not be carried out within 10 meters</p>

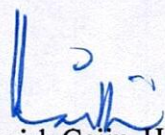
		before the natural disaster and the same was also informed to the Pradhan Gram Panchayat. You can get information from the Pradhan Gram Panchayat. This damage occurred in the year 2022.	width of the khad. Therefore, the banks of this khad will be safe. There is a provision to construct five check dams to prevent soil erosion.
6	Smt. Shakuntla Devi, Pradhan Gram Panchayat Alampur, Distt. Kangra, HP	She said that the police along with me have issued 03 challans for illegal mining in the night due to which a fine amount of around Rs 7500/- was collected. So who is responsible for this? These people do not carried out mining from their own area but from the adjacent government land.	Assistant Environmental Engineer, Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Dharamshala informed that the Mining Department is keeping regular vigil on illegal mining activities.
7	Sh. Vijay Rana, Village & Gram Panachayat Jangal, Distt. Kangra, HP	This illegal mining was done 02 to 03 years ago and the name of the person who did this mining should be revealed. The responsibility for this should not be put on us.	Assistant Environmental Engineer, Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, Dharamshala requested the public to register their views/objections regarding the proposed mining lease project. Apart from this, you may take up the matter for other issues with concerned departments.
8	Sh. Vijay Sharma, Deputy Manager SJVN Ltd.	He said that for the mining lease being discussed here, a notification for purchase of the land in the area has been issued by the Government in favor of SJVNL in the year 2022 and the project is likely to be completed by the year 2025 and this area will be completely submerged. This should be kept in mind.	The project consultant informed that if the Government issues a notification in favor of SJVN Ltd. in the area, then mining lease will automatically be canceled. However, this mining lease can be approved in the favor of applicant till the time for land acquisition and the said area is submerged.
9	Sh. Bharat Bhushan Saini, R/o Bagh, Alampur, Distt. Kangra, HP	He said, as it is informed that this mining will be carried out 50 to 60 meters away from the boundary of the area. If this is given in writing and responsibility for the protection of our land is taken then we have no problem.	The project consultant informed that mining rules have already been notified by the Government of Himachal Pradesh and affidavits will also be filed for the same.
10	Sh. Vijay Rana, Village & Gram	He said that SJVNL has purchased land from people for Rs 20,000 to	-----

	Panachayat Jangal, Distt. Kangra, HP	22,000 per Kanal whereas its price is Rs. 257/per square meter. They are misleading people that your land will be submerged in reservoir.	
11	Sh. Anshul Jaiswal, R/o Bagh, Alampur, Distt. Kangra, HP	He said that we have no objection for this proposed mining lease project, because this project will provide employment and material at cheap prices to people. The objections of people related to this mining project are due to dispute. This will help in development work of Panchayat and also generate revenue to the Government. And if the mining will be carried out as per rules, there will be no illegal mining done here. Therefore we have no objection to this proposed mining lease project here.	

In addition, one written issue/suggestion was received during the public hearing which is enclosed herewith as Annexure-II.

After this, the Chairperson thanked all those who were present during the public hearing and said that the suggestions were given by the public without any fear and pressure. This all has been recorded in written and by videography also. This will be sent to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh and further decision shall be taken by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. At last, the Chairperson thanked all the Officers, Officials of various Departments and Pradhan, Up-Pradhan of villages and local residents.

At the end, Er. Varun Gupra, Regional Officer, H. P. State Pollution Control Board thanked all the officers of different Departments and the public for attending the Public Hearing and concluded the public hearing.


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 Additional District Magistrate,
 Kangra at Dharamshala.