

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF M/S.R.K.INDUSTRIES FOR MAGURBEDA DECORATIVE STONE MINE OVER AN AREA OF 14.852 Ha IN VILLAGE MAGURBEDA UNDER LOISINGHA TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON DT. 30.06.2025 AT 11.00 A.M AT MAGURBEDA VILLAGE OF LOISINGHA TAHSIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT.

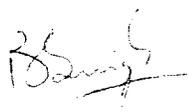
Sri Alok Kumar Patel, OAS (SB), Sub-Collector, Balangir, Dist-Balangir presided over the meeting along with Er. (Mrs.) Babita Singh, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balangir.

At the outset, Er. (Mrs.) Babita Singh, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Balangir, welcomed all the public and government officials present in the meeting. She briefly described the objective of the public hearing conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification No. S.O. 1533(E) of Dt. 14th September 2006 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MoEF& CC), Government of India. She also informed that the date, time and venue for conducting the public hearing meeting of the mining project of M/s.R.K.Industries at Magurbeda Village on 30.06.2025 at 11.00 A.M. was duly advertised in Odia daily newspaper "**Sambad**", **dtd.06.06.2025** and English daily newspaper "**The Indian Express**" **dtd.06.06.2025** (Paper clipping are enclosed as **Annexure-I**) following due procedure the venue, date and timing of the Public hearing meeting of the said mine was extensively propagated in all affected and nearby villages on **dt.28.06.2025**. The executive summary of the project both in Oriya & English were displayed in public at the meeting venue and also distributed among the persons during the meeting. The executive summary also is available in the website of State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar (www.ospcboard.org).

The Sub Collector, Balangir also briefed about the proposed project and requested the public who were present during the public hearing meeting to express their opinions and views on the proposed project. He also requested the proponent of the proposed project to highlight about their proposed project before the public.

On behalf of the project proponent of R.K. Industries, Shri Debasis Gouda, Representative of the project proponent briefly explained about the proposed project as described below:-

1. He informed that the project area is 14.852 Ha. The production capacity of the quarry is 4824 Cum per annum. The total project cost is Rs. 5 crores and the environmental protection cost (capital and recurring) is Rs. 15 lakhs.
2. This is a semi-mechanized opencast mining approach will be used, employing equipment like excavators, wire saw cutters, compressors, jackhammers, and drill rods. Mining operations will take place in a single shift of 8 hours. Initially,





the top weathered layer (0.5–1.0 m) will be stripped away. Drilling will then be carried out using jackhammers powered by air compressors. Hydraulic excavators will be used for handling and transporting stone blocks to the stockyard.

3. Rejected blocks will be transported from the mine face to the dump yard using excavators and rear dump trucks. Marketable decorative stone blocks will be transported to designated destinations via trailers, Lorries, or trucks.
4. For air quality management dust suppression systems such as water sprinklers will be provided at drilling, cutting, and material handling points. There will be use of dust extractors and wet drilling techniques to minimize airborne dust. There will be use of low noise machinery and periodic maintenance of the machines to reduce noise levels.
5. The collected rainwater and treated water will be used for dust suppression and greenbelt development. Proper drainage systems will be provided to prevent water logging and contamination of nearby water sources. Rainwater harvesting structures to be installed for groundwater recharge.
6. Waste material (overburden, small boulders, and stone cutting waste) to be stored in designated dump yards. Hazardous waste such as used oil to be stored safely and disposed of through authorized vendors.
7. Plantation shall be done as per Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) Norms. The plantation in and around of mining area will help to attenuate the pollution level.
8. There will be Periodic health check-up for workers to monitor occupational health risks. Proper training will be given on safety protocols and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) to workers. There will be mandatory use of safety gear such as helmets, gloves, masks, and boots. There will be strict adherence to safety guidelines, monitored by the Environmental Management Cell (EMC).
9. The capital cost for environmental management of the project is Rs. 15 lakhs. The breakdown of the use of capital cost is as follows: -
 - Water sprinkling along the mines: ₹2 Lakhs
 - Plantation & Maintenance: ₹2 Lakhs
 - Environmental Monitoring: ₹1.5 Lakhs
 - Construction & Maintenance of Settling Tank, Garland Drains etc.: ₹2 Lakhs
 - Personal Protective Equipment: ₹0.5 Lakhs
 - Provision of fencing around mine pit: ₹2 Lakhs
 - Socio economic development cost: ₹5 Lakhs.
 - The recurring cost (per annum) is ₹3lakhs.
10. The project will enhance local income levels by creating employment opportunities in mining operations, transportation, and associated trades. It will generate direct and indirect employment for approximately 40 personnel, including mining supervisors, machine operators, skilled laborers, and support staff, promoting economic stability.





11. There will be Investments in road infrastructure, sanitation, and community facilities enhance living standards in and around of the mining area. Social initiatives such as scholarships, vocational training, and sports programs contribute to youth development and educational growth.
12. In conclusion the project proponent said Dust and air emissions will be controlled through water sprinkling, wet drilling techniques, and greenbelt development, ensuring compliance with air quality standards. The project will not cause significant habitat loss, as mining activities will be carried out in a designated area with proper environmental management measures. Comprehensive safety measures, including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), adherence to safety protocols, and an Emergency and Disaster Management Plan, will be implemented to safeguard workers and the environment. The project is committed to sustainable mining practices, minimizing environmental impact while contributing to local economic growth and responsible resource utilization.

In total 41 participants have put their signature in the attendance sheet whose list is annexed as **Annexure-II**. Out of that 14 participants have registered their name to deliver their views during public hearing and list is annexed as **Annexure-III**.

Statements of the public participated in the deliberation during public hearing meeting is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Participants and their deliberation on the proposed project.
1.	<p><u>Sri Sanjay Gadiya, Sarpanch Magurbeda</u> He addressed the gathering and stated that the project proponent/representative of the Project read down the note as such. As per his concern, that due to Lower Suktel Dam Project already 19 nos. of villages have been displaced and we know the problem of displacement. Hence ,no person shall be displaced by this Mining Project of Lease Hold area 14.852Ha. He also wanted to know about the private land requirement in future for this Project.</p>
2.	<p><u>Sri Dania Padhan, Patharkhandi</u> He wanted to know about the land requirement for the Mining Project. He arise the question that the lease hold area is only 14.852Ha of Government land or any additional private land will be acquired in future. He also stated that this area is Forest area and Kendu Leaf forest is exisiting and if this project will not be done then it will be better.</p>



3.	<p><u>Sri Sudhir Banchor, Magurbeda</u> He stated that there are Forest land is of 500 Acrs .Out of that 26.00Acrs land is for Lower Suktel Colony, 4 acres of Land acquired for stone quarry..Village population is about 700.Landless population is 50% .Rest of lands are Gochar land .There is no land available of grazing of animals. If this project will not happen then we will live in safety.</p>
4.	<p><u>Sri Gobind Chandra Badhie, Magurbeda</u> He stated that the information provided by the representative about precautionary measures to control the dust like sprinkling arrangement, will the project proponent give this assurance in writing form and will the government officers will take the responsibility to ensure this.</p> <p>He also demanded to give written assurance to take the responsibility by the government officials.</p>
5.	<p><u>Sri Prahlad Bisi, Magurbeda</u> The stone dust is from stone quarrying is spreading on 300 Ha of land. Government is not taking any step to mitigate this. He said they are not able to do farming in the lands which are near the Lower Suktel Dam. We are facing problem due to blasting during cultivation, hence this project should be stopped.</p>
6.	<p><u>Sri Somnath Singdeo, Kutumdola</u> The people who were displaced due to Lower Suktel project have not yet received their compensation. During that time government has ensured that people will not face any problems, this time it should be ensured that we should not have to go to any government officer again and again for our grievances.</p> <p>People of the area have already been displaced due to Lower Suktel project. If mining is approved then there will be again problems.</p> <p>If animals are grazing in the nearby fields and there is blasting due to the mining project, will the government provide alternative place. He also asked the government officials to give assurance in writing that there will be no problems.</p>
7.	<p><u>Sri Debraj Bishi, Magurbeda</u> What is the duration of this project, and in how much time the project will be completed, we would like to know about this.</p>
8.	<p><u>Sri Biswanath Bhoi, Patharkhadi</u> During the drilling and mining in the project the water from the mines will be going to the nearby agricultural lands and it will cause problems. Hence this project should be stopped.</p>

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9.	<u>Sri Umesh Bishi, Magurbeda</u> When there was blasting during the construction of the Lower Suktel Project the blasted stones from the harmed the people. How much area and which land is used in the proposed proposed project should be given in written to the villagers.
10.	<u>Sri Radhakanta Banchor, Magurbeda</u> The project should be stopped.
11.	<u>Sri Rohit Kumar Bhoi, Patharkhandi</u> I came to know about the public hearing from the mic announcement by the Pollution Control Board. Due to the mining there will be problems for the people nearby, and the project should be stopped. During Lower Suktel project it was promised there will be dual cropping but the people were displaced due to the Lower Suktel project and now they are unhappy. If this proposed mining project will continue then we will not be mentally stable and hence we are opposing this project. I am not in favour of this project.
12.	<u>Sri Sanatan Naik, Magurbeda</u> The mining project will create problems for the nearby people. Various companies are coming and they are misleading the people. This project should be stopped.
13.	<u>Sri Pratap Tej, Magurbeda</u> This mining project has started the process in 2014. We have stopped this project in that time but again the project has been started by the proponent. With help of the local people he has initiated arrangement of this hearing. There is no water available for bathing in the village and there is no facility for this. How this company will provide facility for this we don't know.
14.	<u>Sri Bhagbana Bishi, Magurbeda</u> We are facing lots of problems due to blasting. Due to blasting stones are spreading in our houses, how will we survive in our village. Hence this land should not be handover to the mining project.

Summary of the points raised by the participants in the public hearing are being read out by the Sub-Collector and same in English & Odia (vernacular language) is enclosed as **Annexure-IV (A) and Annexure-IV (B)**.

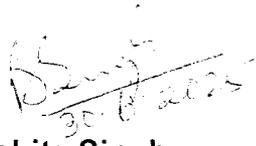
After the completion of the deliberation process the Sub-Collector and Regional Officer summarised the issues raised by the participants and invited the representatives of M/s. Magurbeda Decorative Stone Mine to give reply on the issues related to the demand and grievances of the participants raised in the public hearing meeting.




Shri Rashmikant Lenka, the project proponent replied on the issues raised by the participants during public hearing. Same in English and Odia (Vernacular Language) are also given in **Annexure V (A) and Annexure-V (B)**

The video recording of the entire proceeding of the public hearing is enclosed as Pen Drive.

After the above-mentioned deliberation, the Sub Collector has announced the completion of public hearing over the proposed project and Er. Babita Singh, Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, Balangir proposed the vote of thanks to the Chair as well as to the Participants present during the public hearing.



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ANNEXURE- IV(A)

POINTS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC HEARING MEETING OF M/S. MAGURBEDA DECORATIVE STONE MINE OVER AN AREA OF 14.852 Ha IN VILLAGE MAGURBEDA UNDER LOISINGHA TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON DT. 30.06.2025 AT 11.00 A.M AT MAGURBEDA VILLAGE OF LOISINGHA TAHSIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT.

1. If the area of the proposed mine project will raise beyond 14.852 Ha, then proper measures should be taken so that the adjacent agricultural land will not be affected.
2. Government official should give assurance in written to take necessary measures by the project proponent so that local villagers and their land shall not be affected during mining activity.
3. Proper measures should be taken to avoid the spreading of stone and stone dust on agricultural land during the blasting.
4. The impact of Mining over the adjacent private Land should be examined and adequate compensation should be given to the private land owner.
5. During plying of minerals bearing vehicles village roads will be damaged. Due to the blasting village school and the villagers will be affected by Noise Pollution for these the project proponent should take proper precaution.

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୧. ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ଖଣି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପର କ୍ଷେତ୍ରଫଳ ୧୪.୮୫୨ ହେକ୍ଟର କିମ୍ବା ତାଠାରୁ ଯଦି ଅଧିକ ବଢ଼ିବ ତାହେଲେ ଖଣି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ କୁ ଲାଗିକି ଥିବା ଚାଷ ଜମି ଯେମିତି ଅନୁର୍ବର ନ ହେବ ସେଥିପାଇଁ ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରାଯିବା ଉଚିତ ।

୨. ଖଣି ଖନନ ସମୟରେ ଆଖପାଖ ଚାଷ ଜମି ଏବଂ ଗ୍ରାମବାସୀକୁ ଯେମିତି କିଛି ଅସୁବିଧା ନହେବ ସେଥିପାଇଁ ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ନିଆଯିବା ଉଚିତ ଏବଂ ତାର ନିଶ୍ଚିତତା ଲିଖିତ ଭାବରେ ସରକାରୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବକ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେବା ଉଚିତ ।

୩. ବିସ୍ଫୋରଣ ସମୟରେ ଚାଷ ଜମିରେ କ୍ଲାଷ୍ଟିଙ୍ଗ ପଥର ଏବଂ ପଥର ଗୁଣ୍ଡ ଯେମିତି ନ ପଡ଼େ ସେଥିପାଇଁ ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ପଦକ୍ଷେପ ଗ୍ରହଣ କରାଯିବା ଉଚିତ ।

୪. ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ଖଣି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପକୁ ଲାଗିକି ଥିବା ଚାଷ ଜମି ଉପରେ କଣ ପ୍ରଭାବ ପଡ଼ିବ ଏବଂ ତାର କ୍ଷୟକ୍ଷତି ର ଉଚିତ ଉରଣପୋଷଣ ଦିଆଯିବା ଉଚିତ ।

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ANNEXURE- V(A)

POINT WISE REPLY OF THE PROJECT PROPONENT AGAINST THE ISSUES RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. MAGURBEDA DECORATIVE STONE MINE OVER AN AREA OF 14.852 Ha IN VILLAGE MAGURBEDA UNDER LOISINGHA TAHASIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT HELD ON DT. 30.06.2025 AT 11.00 A.M AT MAGURBEDA VILLAGE OF LOISINGHA TAHSIL OF BALANGIR DISTRICT.

1. The area of the proposed mine project is 14.852 Ha. As safety zone of 7.5 meters will be maintain around the lease hold area chances is less to be affected to the nearby land after which mining activity will be done. The duration of lease period is for 14 years.
2. No blasting will be done in the mines. Mining activity will be performed only by drilling and wire cutting as per approved mining plan.
3. We are agreed to give the compensation if any damage caused for this project shall give written commitment for compensation if any area comes under the proposed site.
4. As per the eligibility and educational qualification local people will be engaged when project will start.
5. To control the dust pollution and its impact on any land, adequate water sprinkling arrangement will be provided.
6. As per the Government Rules and guidelines proper plantation will be done and maintained regularly.

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୧. ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ପଥର ଖଣି ର କ୍ଷେତ୍ରଫଳ ୧୪.୮୫୨ ହେକ୍ଟର, ତାଠାରୁ ଅଧିକ ହେବ ନାହିଁ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ଖଣିର ଆଖପାଖରେ ଯେଉଁମାନଙ୍କର ଜମି ଅଛି ତା ସହିତ ଖଣିର କିଛି ସମ୍ପର୍କ ରହିବ ନାହିଁ କାରଣ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ଖଣିର ସୀମାରୁ ୭.୫ ମିଟର (ପାଖାପାଖି ୨୪ ଫୁଟ) ଭିତରକୁ ସେଫଟି ଜୋନ ରହିବ ଏବଂ ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ଖଣିର ର ଅବଧି ୧୪ ବର୍ଷ ରହିବ

୨. ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ପଥର ଖଣି ରେ କୌଣସି ପ୍ରକାର ବିସ୍ଫୋରଣ କରାଯିବ ନାହିଁ କେବଳ ଡ୍ରାଲିଙ୍ଗ ଏବଂ ଖେର କଟିଙ୍ଗ ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ହେବ ।

୩. ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ପଥର ଖଣି ର ସୀମା ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଯଦି କାହାର ଚାଷ ଜମି ଆସେ ତାହେଲେ ତା ଉପରେ ଯେମିତି କିଛି ପ୍ରଭାବ ନ ପଡ଼ିବ ତାହା ଆମେ ଲିଖିତ ଭାବରେ ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେବୁ ।

୪. ପ୍ରସ୍ତାବିତ ପଥର ଖଣି ପ୍ରକଳ୍ପ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ରେ ନିଜର ଯୋଗ୍ୟତା ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ସ୍ଥାନୀୟ ଲୋକଙ୍କୁ ନିଯୁକ୍ତି ଦେବୁ ।

୫. ଧୂଳି ପ୍ରଦୂଷଣର ନିୟନ୍ତ୍ରଣ ଏବଂ ଏହାଯୋଗୁଁ ପଥର ପରିବହନ ସମୟରେ ଚାଷଜମିରେ ହେଉଥିବା କ୍ଷତିକୁ କମାଇବାପାଇଁ ଯଥେଷ୍ଟ ଜଳ ସିଞ୍ଚନର ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା କରାଯିବ ।

୬. ସରକାର କ୍ଷ ଆଇନ ଓ ନିୟମାବଳୀ ଅନୁଯାୟୀ ଉପଯୁକ୍ତ ବୃକ୍ଷ ରୋପଣ କରାଯିବ ।

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