

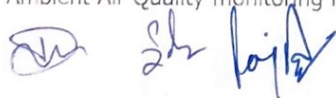
**Proceedings of the public hearing conducted on 08.01.2024 regarding application filed by the District Mining Officer, Ludhiana for obtaining Environmental Clearance as required under EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 for mining of minor minerals (sand) with production capacity of 61912 TPA in bed of River Sutlej in an area of 6.6 Hectare in the revenue estate of Village Garhi Fazil & Sekhewal, Tehsil Ludhiana (East), District Ludhiana, Punjab.**

The following were present to supervise the proceedings:

1. **Sh. Rajneesh Arora, PCS**  
Sub-Divisional Magistrate,  
Samrala.
2. **Er. Kanwaldeep Kaur,**  
Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office-1, Ludhiana.
3. **Er. Deepak Chadha,**  
Assistant Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office-1, Ludhiana.

At the outset, Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office-1, Ludhiana welcomed the Supervising-cum-Presiding Officer and people from adjoining villages, who came to attend the public hearing of the project. She informed that the District Mining Officer, Ludhiana has filed an application in the office of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for obtaining Environmental Clearance under EIA notification no. 1533 (E) dated 14.9.2006 for operation of sand mining project in the revenue estate of Village Garhi Fazil & Sekhewal, Tehsil Ludhiana (East), District Ludhiana, Punjab. After this, she requested the representative of the District Mining Officer, Ludhiana to give a brief presentation about the project. The Consultant of M/s Eco Paryavaran Laboratories Consultants Private Limited brought out the details of the project proposal before the public as under:

- Total area of the site is 6.6 Hectare (Ha) and out of which mining area is 5.93 Ha.
- Sand will be mined within the period of three years and sand mining capacity will be 61912 TPA.
- The Terms of Reference (ToR) for preparation of EIA report was approved by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Punjab vide letter no. SEIAA/MS/2023/1477 dated 18 September, 2023. This Public Hearing is being organized in compliance to EIA Notification, 2006 (amended thereof).
- No wild life sanctuary, Archaeological site, site of Historical importance falls near the site. Further, reserved/protected forest is located about 2.5 Km in South-West direction.
- Mining will be done through 27 Skilled/semi-skilled/un-skilled workers will be hired from nearby villages. Mining will be done during day time only.
- Mined sand will be transported through PUC Certified Trucks. Water sprinkling on movement area will be done through tractor operated water sprinkling system.
- Total cost of the project is 2.60 crores.
- Total ground water requirement is 2.20 KLD, out of which 1.20 KLD will be used for dust suspension and 1.0 KLD will be used for domestic purposes.
- Ambient Air Quality monitoring has been done at five locations within 10 Km area of



the project and value of PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> are found within the limits prescribed under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

- Ground Water study of the area has been done and as per this study, no metallic and bacterial contamination has been found in the ground water.

Thereafter, the Environmental Engineer, brought into the notice of public present at the venue of hearing that as per the provisions of EIA notification dated 14.9.2006, the persons present at the venue may seek any information or clarifications on the project from the project promoter. It was also brought into the notice of the persons present there that the information or clarifications sought by them and reply given by the project proponent will be recorded in the proceedings of the hearing, which will be sent to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change Government of India, New Delhi for further consideration. Accordingly, he requested the persons present in the hearing to seek information or clarifications on the project one by one. He also informed that no information / clarifications / comments / views / suggestions / objections on the project have been received from the public in writing by the Board, so far.

The detail of the information/ clarifications sought by the persons present at the venue of hearing and the reply given by the project proponent is as under:

**1. Sh. Gurnam Singh (Sarpanch) resident of Village Garhi Fazil, Tehsil Ludhiana East, District Ludhiana.**

**Question:** He said that due to the running of tractor trolleys, the road of the village is broken. What will be done in this regard?

**Reply:** SDM, Samrala instructed the District Mining Officer to ensure that only the main road is used for the commuting of tractor trolleys.

**2. Sh. Hardeep Singh (Panchayat Member), resident of Village Garhi Fazil, Tehsil Ludhiana East, District Ludhiana.**

**Question:** He said that due to the trolleys not running on time, there is more traffic on the road and due to the single road, the trolleys go through the adjacent fields. Due to which the crop gets damaged. Please solve it.

**Reply:** SDM, Samrala directed the District Mining Officer to ensure that mining is done only during day time and if any mining is done at night then the responsibility of the incumbent officer/officer/employee and appropriate action will be taken against him.

**3. Sh. Ranjit Singh, resident of Village Garhi Fazil, Tehsil Ludhiana East, District Ludhiana.**

**Question:** He said that if more than the number of approved trolleys comes out of the pit, then how the details are kept.

**Reply:**

SDM, Samrala instructed the District Mining Officer to ensure that CCTV cameras are installed to monitor the commute of the trolleys and after the slips are closed they are evaluated. In the meantime, action should be taken against the violator. Along with this, he instructed that the filling capacity of the trolleys should also be fixed.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Samrala informed that the report is submitted to concerned department after every 06 months and departments cross-check the compliance submitted by the project proponents. Monitoring is done by the Government. People are very alert now and information reaches to Government very





quickly in case of illegal mining. Legal mining will generate revenue for the Government and labor will also be under the control of Government in case of legal mining. Monitoring of mining will be done.


The Environmental Engineer, PPCB further requested the persons present at the venue of hearing that if anyone else wants to seek any information/ clarification on the proposed project, but no one came forward. After that, persons present at the venue were asked to raise their hands that are in favor of this proposed project. All the Persons raised hands in favor of the project. This public hearing was attended by 28 persons.


The suggestions received during the public hearing are reproduced as under:


1. That only the main road leading to the mining site be used for transportation of mining material.
2. The weight of the tractor trolleys be fixed. The officials of the Mining Department alongwith the Police Department may be deputed permanently for checking of the over weighted vehicles.
3. The number of vehicles entering the mining site may be fixed.
4. CCTV cameras may be installed at the mining site.
5. No mining be allowed during night hours and no machines be installed for mining and only manual mining of the material may be carried out.

Thereafter, the Supervisor-cum-Presiding Officer informed to the persons present at venue that video/audio recording of entire public hearing has been done and requests obtained from the public have been considered.

The hearing ended with vote of thanks to the Supervisor-Cum-Presiding Officer and the public present in the hearing.

  
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