

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE COMSTITUTED FOR
ECO SENSITIVE ZONE OF PROTECTED AREAS OF MANGROVE FOREST DIVISON (WL) RAJNAGAR
HELD ON 15.12.2020 IN THE COLLECTOR'S RESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE HALL KENDRAPARA

The Collector and District Magistrate, Kendrapara, -cum-Chairman, Monitoring Committee presided over the meeting and with his permission the DFO, Mangrove Forest Division (WL) Rajnagar -cum- Member Secretary welcomed all the esteemed members of the Monitoring Committee and presented the background, notification and mandate of Eco-Sensitive Zone notified vide No. S.O. 1601 dated. 16th June 2015 of Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Changes for Bhitarkanika WL Sanctuary, Bhitarkanika National Park & Gahirmatha Marine Wildlife Sanctuary and activities of the Monitoring Committee so far.

Fifth meeting of the Monitoring Committee was held on 3rd December, 2020 wherein, the proposal of the Executive Engineer, RWSS Division, Kendrapara to accord Eco Sensitive Zone Permission to "Execute the Mega Pipe Water Supply Project" for Bhadrak District in Rajkanika Tahasil of Kendrapara District and Chandabali Tahasil of Bhadrak District was discussed. The Executive Engineer, RWSS, Kendrapara appraised the members that, the treatment plant for the project is to be constructed in Nuahata Mouza of Chandabali Tahasil and the intake well shall be done in Barunadia Mouza of Rajkanika Tahasil and both the villages are coming under the Eco Sensitive Zone of Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary. Environmental and Social Impact Study of the project has been conducted by IIT, Hyderabad. The NGO member of the Committee requested to place the expert reports regarding impact of the project on agriculture and on the mangroves of Bhitarkanika before the Monitoring Committee for consideration of the project. Hence the meeting was adjourned for the next date after receipt of the expert report from the project proponent.

Sixth meeting of the Monitoring Committee was held on 15th December, 2020. The Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Kendrapara placed the ESIA report for the Mega Pipe Water Supply prepared by IIT, Hyderabad before the Committee. As per the report:

"As part of ESIA guidelines, a detailed baseline environmental and social analysis has been carried. As part of it, primary & secondary data collected in the project study / affected area and reviewed. From the analysis, it was observed that, no concern of the baseline environmental and social profile of the project area. Based on the project activities, the possible adverse environmental, social and cultural impacts due to proposed project throughout the lifecycle were studied. From the impacts identification, assessment / evaluation, it is concluded that there are no major / significant negative or residual impacts from the proposed water supply project".

Further, the Executive Engineer, RWS&S Division, Kendrapara placed the order of the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.A. No. 23/2020/EZ /dated 4th December, 2020 of Sanjay Kumar Behura Vrs State of Odisha and Others) which had been filed for cancellation of the project. From the order, it is evident that as per direction of the Hon'ble Tribunal, a committee was constituted comprising of Principal Secretary, Water Resources and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) to verify the factual aspects on: i) Whether a detailed study was carried out in respect of Nuahat Drinking Water Project, ii) Whether there are other alternative sources for extracting water for the project and iii) Whether the impact of the project upon the people of the district of Kendrapara and Bhadrak as well on the environment had been assessed and studied scientifically. Based on the report of the committee, the Hon'ble Tribunal issued an order and quoted "We do not deem it necessary to continue further with this matter".

Moreover, Committee constituted with experts from Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT), Bhubaneswar have opined that a reduction at about 4% of average river flow during lean periods (March to June) will not have any significant effect on the present agricultural production of Rajkanika Block.

The NGO member of the Monitoring Committee expressed his concern over the study reports and suggested for an appointment of a National level expert for further study of the impact of the project constructed in the ESZ on the environment and Bhitarkanika National Park. The Committee observed that as IIT, Hyderabad is an institute of national repute, the ESIA report of that Institute can be duly honoured. Further, drinking water supply is a permissible activity as per the notification and mandate of Eco- Sensitive Zone notification vide No. S.O. 1601 / dated. 16th June 2015 of Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests & Climate Change for Bhitarkanika WL Sanctuary, Bhitarkanika National Park & Gahirmatha Marine Wildlife Sanctuary. Accordingly, the recommendation of the Committee shall be intimated to the competent authority.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to all.

The list of Participants is enclosed as Annexure-I


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Collector, Kendrapara



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01. The Collector & District Magistrate, Bhadrak
02. The Superintendent of Police, Kendrapara
03. The Superintendent of Police, Bhadrak
04. The Divisional Forest Officer, Bhadrak Wildlife Division, Chandbali
05. The Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Paradeep
06. Shri M. Rajeswar Prasad, Research Officer (Environment), Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, Eastern Regional Office, A/3- Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar.

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ATTENDANCE SHEET

06th MEETING OF ECO- SENSITIVE ZONE MONITORING COMMITTEE HELD ON
15.12.2020 AT 6.00PM IN THE RESIDENTIAL OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR &
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KENDRAPADA

Sl No.	Name & Designation of the Participants	Designated in Monitoring Committee	Signature	Mobile No. & e-Mail ID
1.	District Collector, Kendrapada, Govt. of Odisha	Chairman		dm-kendrapara@nic.in
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3.	Ranjana Murthy S.D.P.O. Pattana	Member	 15/12/2020	
4.	Sadhana Behera ACP, Bhadrak (WL) Division	Member	 15/12/2020	
5.	B. N. Samal Asst. Registrar Margosa (WL) Dm			
6.	Dilip Kumar Dehury Executive Engineer RWS Div. Kendrapada			
7.	Dilips Ranjan Das DFO, Margosa Forest Div (WL) Kendrapada	Member Secretary	 15/12/20	
8.	Basanta K. Rout	ADM Kendrapada		
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