

**Proceedings of the Public Hearing conducted on 28.03.2012 at 02.30 p.m.in connection with application filed by Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab, for obtaining environmental clearance under EIA Notification dated 14/9/2006 for the mining site at 7.20 Hectare Village Raji Beli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.**

The following were present to supervise the proceedings:-

1. Smt. Sarojini Gautam Sharda, (PCS)  
Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
Pathankot.
2. Er. Ashok Kumar Chalotra,  
Asstt. Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office, Hoshiarpur.
3. Er. Prem Kamal,  
Asstt. Environmental Engineer,  
Punjab Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office, Hoshiarpur.
4. Sh. Balwinder Pal Singh  
General Manager,  
District Industries Centre-cum-Mining Officer,  
Pathankot.

Assistant Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Hoshiarpur welcomed the Supervising-cum-Presiding Officer and people from the Raji Beli Village who came to attend the public hearing for mining sites in the revenue estate of **Village Raji Beli, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot**. He apprised the public about the requirement of conducting the public hearing before grant of environmental clearance under EIA Notification no.1533 (E) dtd.14.9.2006 of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India, New Delhi. He also brought into the notice of public that the Department of Industries & Commerce, Govt. of Punjab has submitted copies of draft rapid EIA report alongwith the Executive Summary of the same and a copy of each such document was placed in the office of Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot; Zila Parishad, Gurdaspur; General Manager District Industries Centre, Pathankot; Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Pathankot, Regional Office of MoEF at Chandigarh and Regional Office, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Hoshiarpur for access to the public and other stakeholders. He further brought out that a notice of public hearing was published in three prominent newspapers 'Hindustan Times' & 'The Tribune' & 'Daily Ajit' on 9.2.2012(**Annexure –A**)to make the public aware of the date, time & venue of the public hearing and about the places/offices where the public could access the draft EIA report and its Executive Summary report before the said hearing. He informed that today's Public hearing is being conducted for the mining area of **7.20 Hectares** located in Village: **Raji Beli, District: Pathankot** as per application submitted by the Project Proponent i.e. Department of Industries and Commerce, Government of Punjab, Chandigarh through Mining Officer, Pathankot. District Pathankot.

He further intimated that pursuant to the publication of Public Notice regarding conduct of Public Hearings; an office order was issued by Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot Vide No. 926-27 dated 16.02.2012 (copy enclosed **Annexure-B**) regarding Supervision of Public hearing and direction to concerned area Sub-Divisional Magistrate for conducting MustriMunadi through Halqua Patwari on a day prior to Public hearing to ensure maximum participation of public for decision making. Further District Public Relation Officer was also requested to give wide publicity in the print & electronic media to ensure maximum participation of the public vide Punjab Pollution Control Board vide letter No. 1278 dated 13.02.2012. Sarpanch & Chowkidar of the Village **Raji Beli, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot** has also submitted Certificate regarding conducting of Munadi through Village Chowkidar & Local Gurudwaras/ Mandir as well as through distribution of Pamphlets (**Annexure C**). He also informed that details of khasra Nos. duly signed by Mining Officer alongwith Coloured copies of proposed mining area has been displayed on the Notice Board at the venue of Public hearing for convenience of the public which are placed as per **Annexure –D&E**. Proposed Mining site was properly explained by the Halqua Patwari, which has also been video recorded, photographed and forms a part of the proceedings of Public hearing.

He also informed that Divisional Forest Officer, Pathankot was requested vide Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Hoshiarpur Letter No. 1406 dated 17.02.2012 to be present during the Public Hearings for their comments, views, suggestions & objections regarding proposed mining projects on behalf of his department, considering the fact that near most of the proposed river bed mining sites, there is possibility of forest land / wild life sanctuary/ protected forest area.

He further informed the audience that being a Category 'A' project the EAC / SEAC has determined detailed and comprehensive TOR (Terms of Reference) addressing all relevant environmental concerns for the preparation by an EIA report in respect of mining project for which prior environmental clearance is sought of Department of Industries & Commerce through Mining Officer, Pathankot. Copy of the TOR (Terms by Reference) enclosed as per **Annexure-F**. He apprised the audience of some of the following important points of Terms of the Reference (TOR), which are part of Draft EIA report submitted by the Project Proponent.

- The terms and conditions imposed, if any, by the Competent Authority in the State Government while granting mining lease/ permit/ contract should be built into the mine plan (Eco friendly Mine Plan) as well as the EIA report. It may inter-alia include; area of working (length and breadth of the river stretch), mode of working, working shift, transportation of mineral, restriction, if any imposed for working etc.
- Involvement of the forest land, if any, in the project and status of forestry clearance should be given.
- The study area will comprise of 10 km zone around the mine lease from lease periphery and the data contained in the EIA such as waste generation etc should be for the life of the mine/ lease period.
- Land use of the study area delineating forest area, agricultural land, grazing land, wildlife sanctuary and national park, migratory routes of fauna, water bodies, human settlements and other ecological features.

- Land use plan of the mine lease area should be prepared to encompass pre-operational, operational and post operational phases.
- Impact of the project on the wildlife in the surrounding and any other protected area and accordingly detailed mitigate measures required should be worked out with cost implications.
- The vegetation in the RF/PF in the study area, if any.
- A study shall be got done to ascertain the impact of the mining project on wildlife of the area including on the elephant population.
- Location of National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserves, Wildlife Corridors, Tiger/Elephant Reserves (existing as well as proposed) within 10 KM of the mine lease should be clearly indicated.
- A detailed biological study for the study area [core zone and buffer zone (10 KM radius of the periphery of the mine lease)] including the aquatic fauna in the riverine system shall be carried out.
- Impact on topography, drainage, agricultural fields, wildlife, water logging leading to water borne diseases, if any. It may also be shown whether it will lead to change of water course of the river. Modeling exercise should also be carried out through an expert agency to show the change in river flow dynamics, if any.
- Collection of one season (non-monsoon) primary baseline data on ambient air quality (PM10, SO2, and NOx), water quality, noise level, soil and flora and fauna.
- Air quality modeling should be carried out for prediction of impact of the project on the air quality of the area.
- Impact of the project on the water quality should be assessed and necessary safeguard measures, if any required should be provided.
- Information on site elevation, working depth, groundwater table should be provided both in AMSL and bgl. A schematic diagram may also be provided for the same.
- Quantity of solid waste generation, if any, to be estimated and details for its disposal and management be provided.
- Impact on local transport infrastructure due to the project, Projected increase in truck traffic as a result of the project in the present road network (including those outside the project area) and whether it is capable of handling the increased load. Arrangement for improving the infrastructure, if contemplated including action to be taken by other agencies such as State Government, if any, should be covered.
- Details of the infrastructure facilities to be provided for the mine workers.
- Phase-wise plan of greenbelt development, plantation and compensatory afforestation clearly indicating the area to be covered under plantation and the species to be planted.
- Occupational health impact of project should be anticipated and prevention measures initiated. Details in this regard should be provided.
- Details of pre-placement medical examination and periodical medical examination schedules and medical facilities proposed to be provided should be incorporated in the EMP.
- Measures of socio economic influence to the local community proposed to be provided by project proponent. As far as possible, quantitative dimension to be given.
- Detailed environmental management plan to mitigate the environmental impacts. Specific safeguard measures to control PM10 as well as pollution due to transportation should be given.
- Public hearing points raised and commitment of the project proponent on the same along with time bound action plan to implement the same should be provided.
- Details of litigation pending against the project, if any, with direction/ order passed by any Court of Law against the project should be given.
- The cost of the project (capital cost and recurring cost) as well as the cost towards implementation of EMP should clearly be spelt out.
- All documents to be properly referenced with index, page numbers and continuous page numbering.
- Where data are presented in the report especially in tables, the period in which the data were collected and the sources should be indicated.
- Where the documents provided in a language other than English, an English translation should be provided.

- The questionnaire for environmental appraisal of mining projects as devised earlier by the ministry shall also be filled and submitted.
- Approved mine plan along with copy of the approval letter for the proposed capacity should also be submitted.
- While preparing the EIA report, the instructions for the proponents and instructions for the consultants issued by MoEF vide O.M. No. J-11013/41/2006-IA.II(I) dated 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2009, which are available on the website of this ministry should also be followed.

Assistant Environmental Engineer further apprised the audience of the fact that mining has to be carried out as per Environmental Impact Assessment Guidance Manual for Mining of Minerals as published by Ministry of Environment Forests, New Delhi through Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad which includes some of the additional points to be taken into consideration for Environment friendly mining. In addition to some of the points already raised in Term of Reference; following issues will also be monitored:

- The mining has to be carried out only upto 3 mtrs. (BGL) Below Ground Level and Mining has to start after date of opening of Mining Activities i.e. after grant of Environmental Clearance.
- Whether there is involvement of any Forests land in proposed area of Mining.
- Whether there is any Wild Life Sanctuary within 10 Kms. from the area of proposed mining project.
- There will not be any quarry operation within the distance of 75 m from railway line / 50 m from reservoir tank, canal, public road, building and in-habitat sites etc.
- Whether there is any Defence establishment near by the area of proposed mining project.
- Mining will not be allowed below water the table.
- The mining should be prohibited to distance of 500 m on upstream and downstream from the high level bridge and 250 m from the other bridges on upstream and down stream

He also pointed out that project proponent is legally bound to get necessary approvals 'if applicable' from other departments like Forest Department & Ground Water Board under relevant Acts & Rules for the Proposed Mining Projects. He further informed that around 45 persons are present in the Public hearing out of which 38 have signed the attendance register.

Thereafter, he requested the Project Proponent i.e. Mining Officer, Pathankot to elaborate the main features about the project and the draft EIA study report. Mining officer, Pathankot Sh. Balwinder Pal Singh gave the description of the site for which Environmental clearance is sought. He intimated to the public that total proposed mining land as indicated in Draft EIA Report has been shown as Govt. waste land and he also submitted copy of signed list of khasra Nos. of proposed mine lease which has not been demarcated as of now.

However these Khasra Nos. of proposed mining site includes Private Land. In majority of the proposed mining area, deep mining has been carried out in patches at some places, even beyond 3 Mtrs. BGL thereby surpassing restrictions to be imposed in proposed Environmental Clearance which was videographed and photographed depicting damage already done to the Environment.

Then he introduced and invited Sh. Kuldeep Singh Representative of M/s Grass Roots Research & Creation India (P) Ltd, Noida, Consultant of Department of Industries & Commerce to elaborate about the main features of the project and the draft EIA study report.

**Sh. Kuldeep Singh of M/s Grass Roots Research & Creation India (P) Ltd, Noida** engaged by Department of Industries & Commerce, for conducting the EIA study for this project brought out the details of the project before the public as under:-

- 1) The development of the infrastructure is based upon the building materials such as sand and gravel for which controlled mining at the source is required. Govt. of Punjab has to allot / earmark the various sites from which the mining of minerals has to be undertaken. Accordingly, this site is also one of such site from where mining is to be carried out, hence the environmental clearance is required.
- 2) **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
As per the Eco-friendly Mining Plan, it is a proposed project to mine Sand/Gravel and the estimated project cost is **20.00 Lacs**. Department of Industries and Commerce, Chandigarh (Punjab), though has not yet notified the mining lease of Sand/Gravel in the name of **Raji Beli, Taluka: Pathankot, Punjab**. The mining lease / proposed project area falls in Survey of India Toposheet No. **43P/8**. The mine lease area is located between **32° 12' 3.13" to 32° 12' 15.59" N Latitude and 75° 24' 27.32" to 75° 24' 40.57" E Longitude**. The River bed is having **7.20** Hectare area which with approx. **67,000** tonne per year of Sand/Gravel deposit in it, which is replenishable due to sediment Inflow.
- 3) The mining will be carried out by excavator of 1.1 cubic meter capacity. No drilling or blasting will be carried out at the site and the mining will be with simplest procedure of lifting the material and loading to the vehicles mechanically. The mining will be done upto working depth of 3 m BGL only.
- 4) Baseline data has been collected with respect to land, water, air, ecological and noise in the area of 10 km radius surrounding the site.

He further informed that as mentioned in Draft EIA item No. 1.2 as well as in TOR (Terms of Reference), the mining area has not been notified by Department of Industries Govt. of Punjab.

- 5) Mitigation measures for different Environment parameters:

**A) Air Environment:** The dust emitting will only be possible from the movement of the vehicles for which water spraying will be carried out on the road. Overloading of vehicles will not be allowed.

**B) Water Environment:**

- There will be no degradation of water quality, only natural flow of the river will be maintained.

**C) Soil Environment:**

- The mining will not effect in any way the quality of the soil as the level of the area lowered by the mining will be compensated by the flowing river, during rainy season.

**D) Noise Environment:**

- There will be no heavy machinery to be used in the mining, the possible noise will be from movement of vehicles only.
- The movement of vehicles will be restricted to the day time only with minimum use of horns.

**E) Social Aspects**

- River channel will be controlled and protection of banks will lead to safety of adjoining agricultural land.
- Employment will be generated hence improvement of socio-economic aspects of the area.

6) Budget for Implementation of Environmental Management Plan

**Cost of EMP**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost to be incurred (in lakhs/annum)</b>
1	Air Quality a) Monitoring in the vicinity of the mine b) Monitoring in the vicinity of the transportation network c) Cost of dust suppression	0.33
2	Water Quality a) Water quality of surface and groundwater around the site b) Drinking water must conform to drinking water standards	0.24
3	Ambient Noise Level	0.07
4	Soil Quality	0.11
5	Socio-economic condition of local, population, physical survey	0.05
6	Man power cost for environmental cell	0.20
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Thereafter, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot informed the public present that as per the provision of EIA notification dated 14.9.2006 as amended from time to time, the persons present at the venue may seek information or clarifications on various issues related to proposed mining project from the project proponent/consultant. He also informed the public that the information or clarifications sought by them and reply given by the project proponent / consultant will be videographed and will also be incorporated in the proceedings of the hearing, which will be sent to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, for further consideration. Accordingly, she requested the persons present in the hearing to seek information or clarifications on the project one by one without any fear, pressure or favour.

Thereupon, the detail of the information/ clarifications raised by the persons present at the venue of hearing and the reply given by the consultant of the industry / project proponent is as under:

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of the person</b>	<b>Questions/ query / statements of the person</b>	<b>Reply / clarification given by the company/ panel member</b>
1.	Sh. Parkash Singh, Ex Sarpanch,	• Due to mining no cultivation of wheat is being carried out on	• Suggestions/Comments/ Objections/ Views were

	Village Sahranpur, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<p>approximately 100 killa land of our village, as water is stagnated there. I request that no such work should be carried out. We are also giving letter in this regard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have bore too much loss and benefit has only been borne by 02-04 people. Mining is being carried out at a depth of 30-30 ft &amp; without any demarcation.</li> <li>• I request that no gravel/ sand should be carried out and we are not going to accept it.</li> </ul>	well recorded
2.	Sh. Jagir Singh, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We, villagers of Raji Beli, are in favour of mining. Mining of sand is very necessary. There is too much necessity in Village Pawar near Sappran as land of this village is decaying. We have already talked about it many times.</li> </ul>	Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded
3.	Sh. Chanan Singh, Ex Sarpanch, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no guarantee that mining will be carried out as per norms &amp; rules in proposed 7.20 acres area as the sand is being mined out for last 3 years. In this regard, we have already written to the Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot but we have not received proper reply sofar. If the mining has to be carried out from Raji Beli, then what compensation will be paid to the nearby villages being destroyed. Compensation will only be paid to the private owners.</li> <li>• So I requested that neighboring villages should be consulted before taking any decision. Because the neighboring villages also bear the loss due to it.</li> <li>• It has been stated that there will not be any loss to the Environment. Regarding that I would like to let you know that that the road connected to our village is not stabilized, there is lot of dust emanating. We have already asked the Deputy Commissioner for the construction of road many times, but nothing has been done till now.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Proponent / Consultant told that Mining is necessary, if mining is not carried out then banks of the river will be destroyed with the current of flowing water.</li> <li>• If flow of water is corrected here then the same will be corrected by its own in the next village.</li> <li>• Arrangements has been done in this project. Water will be sprinkled on the roads daily where vehicles will be commuting.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nobody is going to look back once auction of mining takes place. No road is going to be constructed and no trolley will be covered. We will be facing loss as we had been facing the same in past.</li> <li>This time in 100 acres of our village crop of wheat could not be cultivated. This has been stated earlier.</li> <li>If mining is to be carried out, it should be done with the consent of people. If people are not in the favor of mining then mining should not be carried out. We are not agreed with the project of mining as we have already faced huge loss due to mining and no compensation has been given.</li> </ul>	
4.	Sh. Parkash Singh, Ex Sarpanch, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road which was constructed earlier got destroyed due to movement of vehicles. We are facing a lot of trouble due to that.</li> </ul>	Suggestions/Comments/ Objections/ Views were well recorded
5.	Ms Jyoti Sharma, Member Panchayat, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spurs are constructed for the prevention of water. If trolleys are driven on these spurs then you can assess their condition. We are facing a lot of trouble to go to crematorium. If mining is to be carried out then no trolley should be allowed to move on Guide Bandh.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/ Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
6.	Sh. Udham Singh, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approach road to the area of village Raji Beli passes through village Rapwal. Whatever mining is done, it is carried away through Village Rapwal. Its condition can be enquired from Village Chhauni Kalan. If any miss happening takes place then Govt. is not going to give anything.</li> <li>Everyone should oppose this mining. This mining should not be carried out. If mining is carried out then people are going to face the consequences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/ Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
7.	Sh. Onkar Singh, Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whatever mining of sand is to be carried out will be illegal. The spurs,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/ Objections/ Views were</li> </ul>



	Saharanpur, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	which are constructed along this, will be completely destroyed. Therefore no mining of sand should be carried out.	well recorded
8.	Sh Basan Singh, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The compensation of mining which is undergoing is not being given either by Govt. or any other. There is neither any road to our village, nor any census has been done. The sarpanch is also of Village Saharanpur.</li> <li>If Govt. is going to pay compensation only then mining will be allowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
9.	Sh. Baba Singh, Member Panchayat, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water got stagnated in 100 Acres land of Village Saharnpur due to mining. In the project proposed by the Govt. the land will be dug out. Due to which the river will be converted into drain. If due to this the backward area gets some income there will be no objection to anyone. If my land is demanded for mining I am ready to give.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
10	Smt. Veena Devi, Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our village is very much poor. Due to the proposed project there will be too much loss to our village. The roads of our village are not stabilized. Our Children are unable to go to school. That should be kept in mind please.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
11	Sh. Dilabar Singh, Village Sahanpur, Tehsil & District Pathankot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If mining of sand is carried out ,there will be too much loss to our village.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
12	Sh. Surinder Singh, Village Sahanpur, Tehsil & District Pathankot.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are against the proposed project and don't want that project gets executed.</li> <li>My land is on the banks of the river and water is stagnated over it. Due to which it is not fit for cultivation. Who is going to pay compensation for this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
13	Sh. Chaman Lal, Village Dagpur, Tehsil & District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>My 3 Acres land got eroded. Due to sand mining all spurs have been</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were</li> </ul>

	Pathankot.	destroyed. Approximately 30-40 trolleys of sand are taken out from the land on the lower part of the spurs. Our crops have been destroyed.	well recorded
14	Sh. Ravinder Singh, Village Beh Chak, Land Owner in Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier the people were in the favor that Coal, Stone, Gold and other minerals should be taken out from the land. We were unaware of the facilities available regarding mining. If all these facilities are available then it is good. Earlier we were of the opinion that due to mining there is always a loss.</li> <li>• The problem is that, if mining of sand is carried out, trolleys pass over the road and roads get damaged due to it.</li> <li>• The mining should be carried out where road for transportation is available, not on the village road. If mining is to be carried out, the benefit should not only be for the private owners, but also to the whole area.</li> <li>• Spurs should be provided on the banks of the river. If the nearest village is facing any loss due to mining then passage for water must be provided by mining, so that they must also get some benefits</li> <li>• It should be ensured that the said facility is given in practical and the compensation should be paid to the Panchayat as early as possible, so that village may be developed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>
15	Sh. Gurnam Singh, Land Owner in Village Raji Belli, Tehsil & District Pathankot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A record is available with Kanugoo in Tehsil in which the cluster of whole village is available. It has been earlier clarified in it that if some minor minerals are available in any land, then those minerals will be owned by the Govt. and the land will be of the private owner. The right of Govt. can't be taken away. However the complaints narrated by you are also genuine.</li> <li>• The Govt. has the right that if any land has some minerals, govt. may</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestions/Comments/Objections/ Views were well recorded</li> </ul>

		<p>take off the same. As it is necessary to clean the channels for the free movement of water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My land is coming under mining. No agriculture is done there. It is said that the compensation is more than earlier paid and it is beneficial for the village. So I agree in this regard.</li> <li>• If mining of sand will be carried out on it, there will be more development of our houses. I agree to carry out mining on my land.</li> </ul>	
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Assistant Environmental Engineer requested the public if anyone else want to ask any question about the proposed project, but no one came forward. He further informed that no written objections/ suggestions have been received regarding the proposed mining site. **Mr. Parkash Singh S/o Shri Amar Singh, Ex-Sarpanch, Village Sharanpur & Numberdar Onkar Singh S/o Shari Babu Riam R/o Viilage Sharanpur, Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot has submitted complaint against Sh. Jagir Singh R/o of Village Rakwal (also resident of Village Bhatoya) Tehsil & Distt. Pathankot for illegal mining of sand during public hearing (Annexure –I).**

As EIA study has been carried out by the Project Proponent through its consultant without demarcation of proposed mining site and without taking into consideration site specific ground realities. The Project Proponent was asked to officially own data used/ generated during EIA study which has been incorporated in Draft EIA Report. General Manager, DIC-Cum-Mining Officer, Pathankot has submitted a letter issued by Director of Industries & Commerce, Punjab, Chandigarh in this regard stating that "*it is not feasible to certify the data and other information included in the EIA / EMP reports prepared by the Consultant Firm at this juncture as the reports are yet to take final shape*" has been annexed alongwith this report as **Annexure –H.**

The representative of the Project Proponent i.e. Mining Officer, Pathankot asked to furnish details of Khasra Nos. of Village Raji Beli for which Environmental Clearance is sought. Consequently, **Sh. Balwinder Pal Singh, Mining Officer, Pathankot clarified that the proposed mining area as recorded in TOR issued to them is 7.20 Hectares and accordingly Draft EIA report the land has been prepared for 7.20 Hectares.** He also submitted duly signed copies of the actual proposed mining area falling in Khasra Nos. 4/17 (7-1), 18/1 (6-5), 23 (8-0), 24 (6-0), 5/10/2 (5-17), 11 (7-0), 20 (2-5), 6/6 (8-0), 15 (8-0), 16/1 (-102), 16/2 (6-18), 17/1 (7-16), 18 (8-0), 21/1 (4-16), 22/1 (3-12), 6/23/1 (7-12), 23/2 (0-8), 24 (8-0), 25 (4-10), 11/3/2 (1-5) 4 (5-5), 8 (9-0), 10/20 (2-12), 22 (8-0), 13/10 (7-13) Village Raji Beli which is attached herewith as per **Annexure-G. It is reiterated that total proposed mining land as indicated in Draft EIA Report has been shown as Govt. waste land however actually it is private land.**

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

Copies of DVD's of video recording and still photography of the Public Hearing are enclosed which may please be considered as a part of the proceedings.

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