

Proceeding of Environmental Public Hearing organized by H.P. State Pollution Control Board on the proposal submitted by the General Manager, Ravi & Chenab Projects, Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited, Sundla Distt. Chamba (HP) for setting up of 48 MW Chanju-III HEP based on Chanju Nallah (a left bank tributary of Baira Nallah) and Mahed Khad (a left bank tributary of Chanju Nallah) with diversion works proposed on Chanju Nallah and Mahed Nallah near Village Dantui and Power House proposed on the left bank of Chanju Nallah just upstream of confluence of Chanju and Mahed Nallah near village Jhakla in Churah Sub Division of District Chamba (HP).

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After that, Environmental Engineer, HPSPCB Chamba requested the consultants of WAPCOS Ltd. of Project Proponent to explain the detailed information of the proposed Hydro Electric Project (48 MW) Chanju-III HEP. Then a detailed description regarding the proposal for setting up of 48 MW Chanju-III HEP based on Chanju Nallah (a left bank tributary of Baira Nallah) and Mahed Khad (a left bank tributary of Chanju Nallah) with diversion works proposed on Chanju Nallah and Mahed Nallah near Village Dantoi and Power House proposed on the left bank of Chanju Nallah just upstream of confluence of Chanju and Mahed Nallah near village Jhakla in Churah Sub Division of District Chamba (HP). Thereafter the Chairman ADM Chamba addressed the local public and expressed his views on this Environmental Public Hearing. After the detailed description of the proposed Hydro Electric Project, the Environmental Engineer, HPSPCB Chamba, asked the people



present in the Environment Public Hearing to express their views, comments, suggestion and objections regarding this proposed Hydro Electric Project, without any fear and pressure from any corner.

Videography of the Public hearing was also conducted. Accordingly, the proceeding of the Environmental Public Hearing was recorded and same is reproduced hereunder.

| S.No. | Name and Address | Issues raised/Suggestions submitted |
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| 1. | Sh. Yog Raj Sharma, Up-Pradhan Gram Panchayat Chanju, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP) | <p>He welcomed the Chairman ADM Chamba, local administration and Public of Gram Panchayat Chanju in this Environment Public Hearing is being conducted here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He expressed his faith in the Government and submitted that the Government will do the needful to control the adverse affect on the environment of these proposed hydel projects in the area i.e. Chanju-III (48 MW) & Deothal Chanju (30 MW).• He stated that this area is landslide affected area and recently fresh instance of landslide took place at Kathwar Ghara, where few people already lost their lives last year. He requested the administration to connect the Chanju road with Deol Panchayat, so that people of Gram Panchayat Chanju, Charda, Dehra & Gram Panchayat Bagehigarh will always remain connected with the Head Quarter Chamba.• He demanded that before the commencement of construction activities of HEP, the half kilometer unpaved part of Chanju road to be metalled and widening of Chanju road should be carried out and also there should be proper maintenance of road.• He also stated that, the Gram Panchayat already issued conditional NOC to the HPPCL and there should be strict implementation of these |



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| | | conditions, so that there might be no issues between people of Gram Panchayat Chanju and HPPCL in future. |
| 2. | Sh. Narayan Singh, VPO Bagheigarh, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP) | <p>He welcomed the Chairman ADM Chamba, local administration and Public of Gram Panchayat Chanju in this Environment Public Hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He said that earlier in the year 2011, this type of Environment Public Hearing of M/s IA Energy Project was organized at Gram Panchayat Bagheigarh and good suggestions were given by the management of M/s IA Energy to the local people of the area. He pointed out that as per his experience the commitments made during the public hearing, were not fulfilled later on by the management of hydel project. The commitments i.e. to make bridges, road widening, health services & opening of schools etc., remain unfulfilled till date. • He further said that due to the carriage of heavy machinery equipment and running of heavy vehicles, the metalled road destroyed and the same has not been repaired till date. The metalling on the outer roads of the village had been carried out, whereas, no metalling was carried out within the village. • He expressed the ill effects on the people and vegetation of area due to the fugitive dust emission of unpaved road and requested the administration to make provision of budget for metalling of road in Gram Panchayat areas. • He expressed his happiness for the HP Govt. for setting up power project in the area and appealed |



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| | | <p>the local people for supporting & setting up of the power projects proposed by Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He added that various hydel projects established in the nearby area, didn't provide employment to the local residents & poor people. The poor people of the project area had to seek recommendations to get jobs in these projects. He requested the project proponent and district administration to frame a policy for the employment for local people in the projects, so that common man & poor people may avail benefit of it. • As per his past experience the M/s IA Energy Company management committed to send 15 people of project affected area for training of Engineering Studies once in a year, but not a single one has been trained by the company till date. • He suggested the administration to make a tunnel near the Kathwar Ghara (land slide area) for the uninterrupted traffic route. • He said that this area is backward area and benefits of development should reach to all people of the backward area and he requested the project proponent to describe the various provisions made for development of the local affected areas. • He further asked, whether these development schemes mentioned by the representative of the project are under the funds of LADA or any other schemes. |
| 3. | Sh. Kheti Ram, Gram Panchayat Chanju, Tehsil Churah Distt. Chamba (HP) | He said that the people of this area are very poor and the HPPCL management should make their commitments in writing that employment will be given to local affected poor people. |

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| | | He also raised the payment issue of local labourers and also of the contractor of HPPCL, who did not pay the wages of labourers earlier. |
| 4. | Sh. Yog Raj Sharma, Vice Pradhan Gram Panchayat Chanju, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP) | <p>He said that the Apple & Green Peas are major agriculture/crops products of this area and there will be chances of damage to their flowering due to the fugitive dust emission during the construction of road and other project related activities.</p> <p>He asked the representative of Project proponent that who will compensate for the damage of crops and what preventing measures will be taken to control the dust emission?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He pointed out that the contractor of HPPCL has done the work of testing hole near Gharat. The contractor of this work has left the work, without paying the wages of local labourers. • He asked for a copy of DVD of videography of this Environmental public hearing for Panchayat records. |
| 5. | Sh. Ram Lal, Ex-Pradhan Gram Panchayat Charda, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP) | <p>He welcomed the Chairman ADM Chamba in this public hearing. According to him Sh. Kheti Ram & Sh. Narayan Singh has already expressed their views, comments & suggestions in this public hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He further stated that when the construction activities of M/s IA energy hydel project had been started and they conducted a number of meetings and made commitments, but 99% of the commitments were not fulfilled by the management of M/s IA Energy. • According to him during the construction activities of the IA Energy Project, Gram Panchayat Chanju-Charda had faced adverse impact on the Apple |

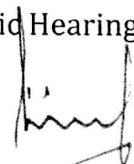
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| | | <p>trees, crops & animals due to the air pollution. But no compensation was given by the M/s IA Energy Company till date to the local affected people of the area. They have already submitted complaints in the office of Chief Minister & Prime Minister, but nobody has listened to their complaints.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He requested the District Administration that there must be a written Conditional Agreement between the HPPCL and local people of Gram Panchayat Chanju through a committee headed by SDM Churah, so the poor people may not suffer and get the employment/business from these proposed projects. |
| 6. | Sh. Gyan Singh Thakur, Gram Panchayat Dehra, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP). | <p>He said that it is necessary to discuss about the basic problems of local people along with the Environmental issues in this public hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He requested the General Manager HPPCL, not to disclose the all the things to the public particularly related to the private land acquisition and proposed colony to be established. He further added that due to running/under construction projects in the surrounding area there must be having an adverse impact on the environment. • He complained about the M/s Cosmos Company (17 MW) who started forcefully construction activities in the area four days ago. According to him it is a H.P. Government Project and they have to believe on the Government and the people of the area will be benefitted from this proposed Hydel Project. • The people will get employment as per their eligibility & qualification in this proposed project. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He suggested to the Project Proponent to send the children of these local Panchayats for professional training i.e. welder, driver etc., before commencement of project, so that they will get employment easily after obtaining professional training in skilled class. • He asked the representative of project that whether budget mentioned under Local Area Development Plan is annual budget or one-time total provision. He further asked that instead of LADA fund there must be another provision of funds for the installation of Cold Storage facility for the apples and peas for the local farmers. So that, the farmers might get good earning for non-seasonable sale of their apples and peas. • He requested the project proponent for fair compensation and transparency in acquisition of private land in the area as per Land Acquisition Act. |
| <p>7. Sh. Chaman Lal, Village Chanju, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP)</p> | <p>He said that the Gram Panchayat already issued a conditional NOC to the proposed project. If the project proponent follows these conditions, then no injustice will be caused to any person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He further raised the issue of unemployment of educated trained youth of area and asked the representative of project that is there any provision or benefit for project affected trained youth for regular jobs in these projects, rather than temporary unskilled jobs? • He further asked whether the vacancies in the hydel project will be fulfilled through the advertisement on State level or local people will be |

| | | invited specially for these jobs? |
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| 8. | Sh. Dalip Singh, Village Chanju, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP) | <p>He said that a number of present people have submitted views, comments and suggestions in this Public Hearing and everyone may have expectations from the HPPCL and these expectations should be fulfilled by the HPPCL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He pointed out that when the day night construction activities of the Hydel Project/Power House will be started, whether the nearby people of the area will have to vacate their houses? What provisions have been made to protect/secure their houses by the Project Proponent? • According to him the poor people are afraid of the Contractors, as the Contractor do not pay their wages timely. • Before the commencement of the construction activities of the widening of road, the Project Proponent must provide retaining/protection work along the road side of the road to stop the landslide/erosion of land. |
| 9. | Sh. Madan Lal, Village Chanju, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP) | <p>He questioned that, the every work should be executed by HPPCL itself instead of awarding of work to different contractors, so that people can avail the benefits of EPF, medical facilities etc.</p> |

In the end, Er. S.K. Dhiman Environmental Engineer thanked Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing and all the participants for attending the Environmental Public Hearing.



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Distt. Chamba (HP)