

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 30 MW Deothal Chanju HEP based on Deothal Khad (Chanju Nallah in its upper reaches is called Deothal Nallah, a left bank tributary of Baira Nallah which in turn is a left bank tributary of Suil River in Ravi basin) with diversion works on Deothal Khad just downstream of confluence of Seri Nallah with Deothal Nallah and Power House located on the left bank of Chanju Nallah near village Dantuin in Churah Sub Division of District Chamba, (HP).

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After that Environmental Engineer, HPSPCB Chamba requested the project proponent to explain the detailed information of the proposed Hydro Electric Project. Then a detailed description regarding the proposal for setting up of 30 MW Deothal Chanju HEP based on Deothal Khad (Chanju Nallah in its upper reaches is called Deothal Nallah, a left bank tributary of Baira Nallah which in turn is a left bank tributary of Suil River in Ravi basin) with diversion works on Deothal Khad just downstream of confluence of Seri Nallah with Deothal Nallah and Power House located on the left bank of Chanju Nallah near village Dantoi 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 by the representative of WAPCOS Ltd., 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
1.	Sh. Prem Singh Chauhan, Ex-Up Pradhan Gram Panchayat Dehra, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP)	<p>He welcomed the Chairman ADM Chamba, General Manager & Deputy General Manager, HPPCL, Officials of HPSPCB, Tehsildar, BDO Tissa, local administration & Residents of nearby Panchayats and villages in the ground of Dantui Mata Temple. He presented a demand letter and requested the Chairman to ensure the public that every work in the project shall be started only after getting the consent of local people and to instruct the HPPCL management not to start any construction activity without taking the consent from local Panchayats & people of the area. His demands are represents as under:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He asked for the permanent employment for all families of Gram Panchayat Dehra in the HPPCL project till the construction activities/ commissioning of Dehra-Chanju Project. 2. Adequate compensation should be given to the owner of the private land owner whose land would be acquired. 3. The HPPCL shall provide 70 % of employment to the local unemployed families of the Gram Panchayat Dehra. 4. The HPPCL shall pay the full medical expenses in the illness of every member of the families of Gram Panchayat Dehra in all hospitals of Himachal Pradesh. 5. Free of cost electricity supply should be given to Gram

Panchayat Dehra.

6. Free sand & bajri shall be supplied to the poor and needy families of Gram Panchayat Dehra.
7. HPPCL shall provide good education facilities and shall open English medium school in the Gram Panchayat Dehra.
8. The preference for the employment in the project shall be given to the local people of Gram Panchayat Dehra & Chanju as per their eligibility and qualification.
9. The small & major works i.e. Road work, Crate work & any other works shall be awarded in consultation with the Gram Panchayat Dehra-Chanju to the local & poor residents of Gram Panchayat Dehra & Chanju. So that people of the area didn't face any problem.
10. The construction activities of the proposed project shall be started only after getting the signature of higher authorities of HPPCL and DC Chamba on the Demand Letter of Gram Panchayat Dehra.
11. The office of the HPPCL Power Station Deothal-Dehra should be opened at village Dehra, so the problems of the people of the local area shall be solved easily.
12. The HPPCL will compensate for any damage to the private land and houses of the local people, due to the construction activities of Deothal- Chanju Power Project.
13. All the HPPCL Hydel Projects proposed in Dehra-Chanju area should be run by HP Government, so the local people of the area could get the permanent job.
14. The 5% cost from the total cost of the HPPCL Power Project shall be spent on the developmental works in local Panchayat area.
15. If the HPPCL Company awarded their work to the contractors or other company, the construction work should be done with



the consent of Gram Panchayat Dehra, so local people of the area didn't face any difficulty for the employment.

16. The funds of LADA should be deposited timely in the account of Gram Panchayat, so that there could be no interruption in the development works.
17. The HPPCL shall appoint the educated and unemployed youth of the Gram Panchayat Dehra for the posts of Home Guards, Barrier Chowkidar & Store Chowkidar in Construction activities of proposed project with the consent of Gram Panchayat Dehra.
18. The HPPCL will have to bring in confidence the Gram Panchayat Dehra for every construction activity in the Dehra-Deothal Power Station.
19. The HPPCL shall provide proper protection work in the concerned Nallah/Khad to avoid the land sliding in the area before starting of the construction activities of the power project.
20. He said that earlier a demand letter has already been submitted in the office of Deputy Commissioner Chamba, but no reply has been received by Gram Panchayat Dehra on this demand letter till date from the O/o of Deputy Commissioner Chamba.
21. There are eight Gharats (water mills) falls within the Kunda Daria. As hilly, heavily snow fall area & lack of electricity facility, the project proponent will have to discharge 20% of water for the smooth running of these Gharats and due to lack of electricity, the lifeline of the local people of the area are depends on these Gharats.
22. There should be provision for constructing of water tanks in each ward of Gram Panchayat Dehra and to provide four inch pipeline from Tangera Nallah to store water in these tanks.

		<p>23. If there will be any causality during construction activities in tunnel, the HPPCL have to pay of Rs. 40 lakh compensation and permanent employment to the affected family.</p> <p>24. To avoid the land sliding below the Kunda village, it is necessarily to provide protection work before the construction activities of the project. The Gram Panchayat Dehra will not support the Project Proponent till the protection work has been provided in the Kunda village.</p>
2.	<p>Sh. Chain Lal, Ex-Pradhan Gram Panchayat Dehra, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP)</p>	<p>He welcomed the Chairman ADM Chamba, General Manager & Deputy General Manager, HPPCL, Officials of HPSPCB, Tehsildar, BDO Tissa, local administration & Residents of nearby Panchayats and villages in the ground of Maa Bhadrakali Dantui Mata Temple.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to him the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted here for the proposed project and as per his opinion the pollution is not an incurable disease and it can be controlled to the minimal harmless limits. • He added that our country is basically an agricultural country and 75% of its population resides in villages. There are many types of crops cultivated here and people are self-reliant on crops/grains. • There are many industries established in the India and due to the establishment of these industries & Hydel Projects, our country is on the path of development. • He requested to the administration that few days ago there were damages to the crops of farmers and horticulturist due to hailstorms in the area. In this connection, he requested the administration to instruct the Revenue department to assess the damages to the crops of farmers & horticulturist and submit their damage assessment report to the administration. The administration shall pay the adequate compensation to the poor farmers and horticulturist for the loss of their crops. • The conditions of the road of the area are very poor and buses are

		<p>not regularly run on these roads and HRTC sends the old buses to the routes of the area. He requested the administration that new buses should be send on these routes of far flung area to avoid any mishappening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last year the meeting with the people of Gram Panchayat Dehra & the General Manager HPPCL was held here and in the meeting he assured that a mobile tower will be established in the area, but no mobile tower is established till date here. • Also he requested to the administration to ensure proper LPG supply up-to the Gram Panchayat Dehra.
3.	<p>Sh. Sudesh Rajput, Gram Panchayat Dehra, Tehsil Churah, Distt. Chamba (HP)</p>	<p>He welcomed the Chairman ADM Chamba, General Manager HPPCL, Forest Department, local administration & Residents of nearby Panchayats and villages in the public hearing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He said that in this public hearing, there should be a detailed discussion on ill effects on the environment due to the establishment Deothal-Chanju & Chanju-III hydel projects .An environmental documentary of the views, comments, suggestions & objections of the local people should be prepared and forwarded to the higher authorities for approval. • He said that earlier speakers have already expressed their views, comments & suggestion in this public hearing. The Himachal Pradesh Government is always making efforts to make the wholesomeness of Environment by means of prevention & control of Air & Water pollution. • He also said that he wants to submit a documentary regarding environmental issues in this area due to these proposed projects. His concern is about that HPPCL will release 15% discharge of water in the downstream of Nallah and the problem of running the Gharats will be solved by the proper electricity supply in the area. He is well aware of the area and when about 4 feet of snow falls, there remained no electricity supply for one & half month in

the area. He said that Gharats are the lifeline of this area and people are fully dependent on these Gharats. He added that the administration can understand the situation that how the people of local Panchayat will survive without the running of these Gharats.

- His concern is that they have gathered here not only for listening the complaints but to put suggestions to the administration. His suggestion is that four inch pipe line may be laid down from the Jamyadu Nallah to the five wards of Gram Panchayat so that water can be stored in a storage tank and this water could be used for the running of Gharats and problems of the area can be solved.
- He again said that all the local people are aware that the 15% discharge of water will freeze in winter season and in the months of November & December the flow of water in the nallah remains very low and they have to block flow of water in the nallah for running the Gharats. If they do not stop the water in the months of November & December, the Gharats will not be run on the natural flow of the nallah.
- The brief description of budgetary EIA report of this proposed project has been given to the local people of the area and they are satisfied with this report. There is a problem in their social system that they prepare theoretical large files on the environmental issues, but only about two-three percent of its issues are implemented.
- He said that they are satisfied for the reason that there is a separate provision of budget for health services, restoration of environment and utilization of LADA budget for the developmental works in Panchayat.
- He said that they are well aware that there may be exploitation of local people. But the percentage of exploitation is much higher as

compared to the benefits of the area.

- According to him, the employment could be given to the skilled class people also.
- There may be large impact on the environment due to the establishment of this project and local residents may affect directly from this impact on the environment.
- In the past there are many hydel projects established in the area, but there was always exploitation of workers/labourers and no labour laws were implemented by the earlier established projects.
- He asked the HPPCL management to submit their commitments in written in presence of the Chairman ADM Chamba, after that all the local public will support for the establishment of this proposed project.
- He expressed his surprise that life cannot be assessed in monetary terms and provision of 40 lakh is genuine. He further added that there should be a provision of permanent job to a member of family who lost bread earner in the casualty occurring during the construction of project, so that the family may earn livelihood.
- Earlier a meeting with the General Manager HPPCL and people of local Panchayat was held here and many demands were put up in front of the management and management had given the assurance for the implementation of the demands that, the works of the project can be started when the local people of the area will support for the establishment of the project.
- According to him more private land should be acquired by the HPPCL and the local people would be benefited by acquiring the private land by the HPPCL. Now the HPPCL has informed that all the construction work will be carried out at the left bank of the Nallah and minimum private land of the local people will be