

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR UNIT & CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT FROM 6000 TCD TO 8500 TCD AND 30 MW TO 50 MW RESPECTIVELY PROPOSED BY M/S. GANGAKHED SUGAR & ENERGY LIMITED (GSEL), VIJAY NAGAR, MAKHANI KODRI ROAD, TQ. GANGAKHED, DIST: PARBHANI, MAHARASHTRA CONDUCTED ON 22/06/2016, AT 11.30 A.M. AT M/S. GANGAKHED SUGAR & ENERGY LIMITD (GSEL), VIJAY NAGAR, MAKHANI KODRI ROAD, TQ. GANGAKHED, DIST: PARBHANI, MAHARASHTRA.**

An environmental public hearing in respect of proposed expansion of Sugar Unit & Co-generation Power Plant from 6000 TCD to 8500 TCD and 30 MW to 50 MW capacity respectively proposed by M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Limited (GSEL), Vijay Nagar, Makhani Kodri Road, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani, Maharashtra was conducted on 22/06/2016 at 11.30 a.m. at M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Limited (GSEL), Vijay Nagar, Makhani Kodri Road, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani, Maharashtra.

Following members were present during the public hearing :

1. **Shri Sunil Mahendrakar,**  
Additional District Collector, Parbhani,  
Dist: Parbhani. Chairman.
2. **Shri D.B. Patil,**  
Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Aurangabad. Member.
3. **Dr. A.M. Jadhav,**  
I/c Sub-Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Parbhani. Convener.

A list of members and public participants present for Public Hearing is annexed herewith. All those present were given welcome by **Shri D.B. Patil**, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad & Member of Public Hearing Panel. **Dr. A. M. Jadhav**, I/c Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Parbhani and Convener of the Public Hearing Panel with the permission of the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel narrated the procedure to be followed for obtaining environmental clearance from Government of India by explaining the provisions of the MoEF Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and amended Notification No. S.O. 3067 (E) dated 01/12/2009 and Summary of the project right from the date of receipt of application for conducting Public Hearing till fresh notice issued by MPCB in the local newspapers Daily Sakal and Daily Lokmat Times dated 18/05/2016. He stated that as per the said notification, some specific Projects require Environmental Clearance from the Central Government and the proposed expansion project of **Sugar Unit from 6000 TCD to 8500 TCD & Co-generation Power Plant from 30 MW to 50 MW capacity** falls under the said Notification, hence it is necessary to conduct the public hearing for the said project. He stated that if anybody is having any question, suggestion, objection, etc. same may be expressed after power point presentation of the said project, which will be recorded and submitted to the Environment Department, Govt.

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of India. Then, **Shri Patil** requested the Project Proponent with the permission of the Chairman of Panel to brief the presentation of their proposed project in Marathi.

Thereafter, **Shri A.G. Yeole**, the Project Consultant from MITCON Consultancy & Engineering Services Ltd., Pune started the power point presentation of the proposed project and stated that as reported earlier by **Dr. Jadhav**, as per the EIA Notification 2006 (as amended) issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, it is necessary to obtain the Environmental Clearance for any industrial project. The main purpose of Environment Impact Assessment Study is to know the existing, natural and biological environment, stage-wise planning for environmental impact assessment and prevention of adverse impact to be arised due to the project or to take necessary measures to reduce the same during the starting period only. The purpose of public hearing is to know the support of the people for the proposed project and effective control measures for the development programme of social as well as environmental protection.

He stated that M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Ltd. is a Registered Public Limited Company under the Factory Act, 1956 and it is registered in September, 2007. The existing project has already received the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India. The proposed expansion project will be established in the existing land.

He further briefed about the necessity and support of the proposed project and stated that from starting days the sugar is classified as a very essential household material. Considering the heavy demand towards industrial and various structures development the Government of India has decided the goal of electricity generation. The demand of electricity will increase due to industrialization and other developmental activities. Considering the demand of electricity in the State of Maharashtra and shortage of electricity to be arised in future, M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Ltd. has planned to help in electricity generation by establishing the Co-generation Power Plant. He showed the satellite pictures of proposed project site and study area of 10 km. radius.

While briefing about the special features of the proposed project site, **Shri Yeole** stated that the proposed expansion project will be established in the existing available land of M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Ltd. (GSEL) at Vijay Nagar, Makhani Kodri Road, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani. The Latitude & Longitude is  $18^{\circ} 54' 18.22''$  N &  $76^{\circ} 43' 40.43''$  E respectively. The total area of the project site is 200 acres which includes 22 acres for Sugar Factory and 6 acres for Co-generation Power Plant. The existing green belt is on 15 acres of land and proposed green belt will be developed on 7 acres of land. The source of water is from Masoli Talav, which is located at a distance of 1.5 km. from the project site. Power supply will be connected to MSEDCL Substation, Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani. The nearest Railway Station is Gangakhed at a distance of 5 km., the nearest State Highway is SH No. 219 at a distance of 7 km. and the nearest village is Gangakhed at a distance of 5 km. from the project site. The availability of raw material is sugarcane area in surrounding area.

He further briefed about the special highlights of the proposed project and stated that the proposed project is of expansion in Sugar Unit from 6000 TCD to 8500 TCD and Co-generation

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from 30 MW to 50 MW capacity. The working days of the factory will be 160 during the season and 120 during the off season. The electricity generation during the season will be 47.51 MW out of which 13.60 MW will be used in own factory for various purposes and 33.91 MW will be export to MSEDCL, whereas during the off season, the electricity generation will be 20 MW out of which 2.15 MW will be used in own factory for various purposes and 17.5 MW will be export to MSEDCL.

He stated that the requirement of raw material for the proposed project is sugarcane, bagasse and coal. The bagasse will be made available from the own sugar factory. The total water requirement for the proposed project will be 273 CMD for Sugar Unit and for Co-generation power plant 2400 CMD during the season and 965 CMD during the off season. The water will be made available from Masoli Talav for which the factory has obtained necessary permission. The total capital cost of the proposed project, i.e. Sugar Unit and Co-generation Plant is Rs. 190.00 Crs,

While briefing about the detail study of environment, he stated that they have carried out the study within the area of 10 km. radius of the proposed project during the period from December, 2015 to February, 2016 which includes air quality, water quality, soil quality, noise level, biological environment, classification of land, socio-economic environment, etc. He stated that there are 42 villages like Akoli, Sanglewadi, Makhani, etc. in the study area having population of 114000 souls. Masoli Talav is at a distance of 1.5 km, River Godavari is at a distance of 7.5 km. Gangakhed Town is at a distance of 5 km. from the proposed project site. The existing is developed on 15 acres of land and proposed to develop the green belt on 7 acres of land. No any archaeological monument, reserved forest is occurred within the area of 10 km. radius.

He stated that they have carried out the air quality monitoring, water quality monitoring soil testing, sound level monitoring, etc. at 12 various locations with the 10 km. radius as per the guidelines of CPCB, MPCB & MoEF and observed that the Min. temperature as 14.8 °C and Max. temperature as 34.8 °C in the said area during the month of December, 2015. The average wind speed in the area during the month of December, 2015, January, 2016 & February, 2016 is 1.2 m/sec., 1.2 m/sec. & 1.2 m/sec. respectively and the wind directions is towards North-East direction. Relative humidity observed in the area during the month of December, January and February is 54%, 44% and 40% respectively. The air quality monitored within the study area at various places is observed within the norms prescribed by CPCB. Likewise, the water quality is monitored in the study area as per the norms of MPCB and IS : 10500 2012. The soil quality observed in the study area is as pH – 6.95 to 7.38, Electrical Conductivity – 92 to 158 µmho/cm., Average Water Holding Capacity – 41%. The contents of Organic Manure, Nitrogen, Phosphorous, Potassium, etc. in the soil are very good and useful for the crops, hence the soil quality in the area is good for agriculture purpose. The noise level in the project area as well as in the surrounding area of 10 km. radius is observed within the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board.

He stated that they have carried out the study about biological environment in the project area and observed that 81 plant species, 10 types of mammals and 46 types of birds occur in the area, i.e. Plants – Karwand, Lemon, Banyan, Umbar, Babhal, Khair, Neem, Bor, etc. Crops –

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He further briefed about the Green Belt Protection Programme and stated that at present, the Green Belt has been developed on 15 acres of land and it is proposed to develop the Green Belt on 7 acres of land. For the protection of Green Belt, co-operation will be taken from the local people during tree plantation and the local plant species will be planted at road side and in project area. The tree plantation will be carried out as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board for the development of Green Belt. The fast growing plants having thick and wide leaves will be selected and the local plant species like Babhul, Chikku, Mango, Maharukh, Chinch, Bahava, Seasum, Vad, Umbar, Bor, etc. will be planted.

While briefing about the occupational health and safety, he stated that regular health check up of the workers will be carried out and the workers will be provided with personal protective equipments like hand gloves, goggles apron, muffler, nose masks, etc.

He stated that for all above things including Environment Management Plan, an Environment Management Cell will be formed, which will consist Managing Director, Incharge Officer (Sugar Unit), Incharge Officer (Co-generation Plant), Safety, Health & Environment Manager, Environment Safety Officer and Chemical Technician.

While briefing about the Corporate Social Responsibility, he stated that during the draught situation, the industry has adopted a Free Water Supply Scheme under which the industry has supplied 3 Cr. ltrs. of water through 20 Nos. of tankers to 40 villages in 3 Tehsils viz. Gangakhed, Palam and Purna. The industry has dug 17 new bore wells and provided 15 D.G. sets for distribution of water during power failure. The industry has provided frees infrastructures (water) for the marriage ceremony as well as religious programmes as per demand and they have expend about Rs. 30.00 Lakh for the above work. He further showed the photographs of the activities carried out by them viz. Water Conservation, Farmers Melawa, Health Checking Camp, Other Social Programmes, Training to the Employees for Safety, Green Belt Development, etc.

He further stated that for Environment Management Plan, the industry has made the budgetary provision of Rs. 355.00 Lakh and recurring cost of Rs. 37.00 Lakh towards air pollution control system, effluent treatment plant, noise pollution control system, green belt development, occupational health and safety, etc. and then he concluded the power point presentation of the proposed project.

After concluding the power point presentation by the Project Consultant; **Shri D.B. Patil**, Member with the permission of Chairman of the Panel requested all the public participants that if anybody is having any doubt, suggestions, objection, etc. about the said project, same can be expressed by telling their name and address. **Shri Sunil Mahendrakar**, the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel also stated that the Public Hearing is being conducted for the proposed expansion project of Sugar Unit – 6000 TCD to 8500 TCD and Co-generation Power Plant – 30 MW to 50 MW in respect of M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Ltd. and the Project has briefed the presentation for the same. He requested that in this regards, if anybody is having any suggestion, objection, etc. same can be expressed. During the course of public hearing, the panel members

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Cotton, Tur, Sugrcane, Jowar, Turmeric, Bhenidi, Brinjal, Chili, etc. Birds – Peacock, Nadisuray, Rakhi Bagala, Koyal, Bulbul, Parrot, Sparrow, etc. occurred in the project area.

He further stated that they studied the land use land cover statistics in the study area with the help of satellite picture and observed that the Cultivable Land is 41%, Open Land – 35%, Cropped Area – 17%, Building Area – 4%, Vegetation Area – 2% and Water Bodies – 1%. The socio-economic environment observed in the study area is as Total Villages – 42, Total Houses – 22000, Population 114000, Male-Female Ratio – 51.69 : 48.31, Literacy Rate – 63%, and the percentage of the working and non-working people is 43.56% & 56.44% respectively

While briefing about the anticipated environmental impact on the surrounding environment due to the proposed project and the mitigation measures to be taken thereof, Shri Yeole stated that the environmental impact is expected in two phases, i.e. During the Construction Phase and during the Operational Phase. During these two phases there is the possibility of air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, etc. for which they have prepared Environment Management Plan.

He stated that the sources of air pollution are boiler, vehicular traffic, ash handling area, etc. for control of air pollution, they have proposed to provide 100 TPH capacity of boiler with stack of 74 meters height as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board. The boiler will also be provided with Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) having 99.9% efficiency and the stack emission will be monitored regularly by the industry. The industry has also proposed to provide online monitoring system as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board. Water sprinkling system will be provided so as to avoid the air pollution to be caused during the ash handling and green belt will be developed in the surrounding area of factory through tree plantation on a large scale so as to reduce the air pollution.

The solid waste generation from the proposed project will be Bagasse Ash, ETP Sludge, Waste Water, etc. The bagasse ash will be supplied to the brick manufacturers, the ETP sludge will be used as manure in garden as well as green belt, the waste water will be treated in effluent treatment plant and the other solid waste such as scrap, office & canteen waste will be sold to the authorized scrap vendor.

The total water requirement for the Sugar Unit will be 273.80 CMD and for Co-generation water required will be 2408 CMD during the season and 965 CMD during the off season. Efforts will be taken to reduce the water consumption so as to reduce the effluent generation. The online flow meter will be provided to measure the flow of water and the record of the same will be maintained. The periodical audit of water consumption will be carried out by the industry. The effluent generated from cooling tower, boiler blow down, D.M. plant as well as sugar manufacturing process will be treated in effluent treatment plant and after treatment it will be reused in the factory area.

For control of noise pollution proper care of the machineries will be taken by lubrication, insulation, provision of noise barriers, etc. The Compressor, STG, Turbine, Generator, etc. will be installed as per the guidelines of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India. The workers will be provided with personal protective equipments such as ear plug, ear muffs, etc.

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and public participants raised certain questions related to the said project and same were answered by the Project Consultant/Project Proponent, which are as below :

1. **Shri Kailas Madhukarrao Deshmukh**, a resident of nearby village Daithana, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani asked that from where the raw material will be taken, which will be required for the expansion project. **Shri Yeole** replied that the raw material required for the expansion project is mainly sugarcane and bagasse. The sugarcane will be taken from surrounding area for the Sugar Unit and bagasse will be taken from own sugar factory for the Co-generation Power Plant.
2. **Shri Dashrath Balanath Kappal**, a resident of nearby village Isad, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani wanted to know about any effect due to the smoke emission from stack and whether there is any planning for the same. **Shri Yeole** reported that the industry has proposed to provide the stack of 74 mtr. height to the boiler as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board due to which there will be proper dispersion of particulate matter and therefore there will be no air pollution problem to the nearby villages. He also reported that to reduce air pollution, the boiler will be provided with Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) of 99.9% efficiency due which there will be no air pollution or it will be reduced. Then, **Shri D.B. Patil** asked about the emission values of PM<sub>2.5</sub> or PM<sub>10</sub> upon which **Shri Yeole** reported that the industry is going to use bagasse as fuel to the boiler, the calorific value of bagasse is 2250 Kcal/kg wherein the ash content is assumed as 2%, therefore the emission values of PM<sub>10</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> will be 0.12 microgram/sec. & 5.1 microgram/sec., which will be reduced after providing the ESP. **Shri Patil** further asked whether the values of PM<sub>2.5</sub> is calculated and asked to check and submit the same including the information about distance and value and it is agreed by the Project Consultant.
3. **Shri Sangam Alhale**, a resident of nearby village Pokharni, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani wanted to know whether additional land will be taken for the proposed expansion project of Sugar Unit from 6000 TCD to 8500 TCD. **Shri Yeole** stated that the proposed expansion will be carried out in the existing land of factory and no additional land will be taken.
4. **Shri Ganesh Tekale**, a resident of nearby village Pokharni, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani wanted to know the level of increase in expansion project. **Shri Yeole** reported that in the proposed project, there will be the expansion of 2500 TCD (from 6000 TCD to 8500 TCD) in Sugar Unit and 20 MW (from 30 MW to 50 MW) in Co-generation Power Plant.
5. **Shri Bharat Sutar**, a resident of nearby village Makhani, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani asked about the treatment and disposal of waste water to be generated from the factory. **Shri Yeole** reported that the waste water to be generated from the proposed expansion project of Sugar Unit & Co-generation Power Plant will be treated in effluent treatment plant and after treatment, it will be used in the factory premises for various purposes like green belt development, gardening, agriculture, etc. and no any waste water will be

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disposed outside the factory premises. **Shri D.B. Patil** stated that hazardous waste, if any to be generated from the proposed project shall be sent to CHWTSDF at Ranjangaon, but **Shri Yeole** reported that there will be generation of ETP sludge, which is organic in nature.

6. **Shri Sunil Mahendrakar**, the Additional District Collector, Parbhani & Chairman of Public Hearing Panel after asking about the existing and proposed Green Belt Development, **Shri Yeole** stated that existing Green Belt has been developed on 15 acres of land in and around the factory premises and it is proposed to development the Green Belt on 7 acres of land in the proposed project.
7. **Shri D.B. Patil**, the Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad & Member of Public Hearing Panel asked about the number of trees planted, number of trees survived and number of trees proposed to be planted during the current year. **Shri Rajendra Dongare**, the Chief Executive Officer of M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Ltd. reported that they have planted 7000 Nos. of trees during the last year, out of which 5000 Nos. of trees are survived and they have proposed to plant 7000 Nos. of trees during the current year. He further clarified that they give opportunity to every employee of their factory for plantation by giving them a plant instead of bouquet every year. He stated that it is there planning to plant 50000 trees during the 5 years, out of which they have planted 7000 trees during the last year, out of which 5000 - 5500 trees are survived due to less rainfall and this year also they have decided to plant 7000 trees. He also stated that there are about 2500 employees work in their factory during the season and individual responsibility has been fixed on every employee for plantation and its survival.
8. **Shri Dnyanoba Karpe**, a resident of nearby town Gangakhed, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani wanted to know about air pollution aspect. **Shri Yeole** stated that during the construction phase, to control the dust emission due to vehicle transportation, water sprinkling arrangement has been proposed. During the operation phase, the boiler will be provided with 74 mtr. height of stack and ESP due to which there will be less emission of air pollution. **Shri Patil** suggested to provide Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS) with display arrangement so that people in the area can know the air quality and it is agreed by the Project Consultant.
9. **Shri Subhash Gangadhar Thombare**, a resident of nearby village Pokharni, Tq. Gangakhed, Dist: Parbhani asked the requirement and source of water for the proposed project. **Shri Yeole** stated that the total water requirement for the Sugar Unit will be 273 CMD and for Co-generation water required will be 2400 CMD during the season and 943 CMD during the off season. The water will be made available from nearby Masoli Talav located at a distance of 1.5 km. from the proposed project for which necessary permission from Water Conservation Department is already received to the factory.

**Shri Rajendra Dongare**, CEO of the factory stated that considering the draught situation due to less rain fall, **Dr. Ratnakarji Gutte**, Chairman of the factory specially suggested that though factory is operated for less period or there will be less crushing during this year, no problem, but not a single drop of water shall be taken from Masoli Tank because

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the said water is reserved. He stated that due to draught situation, there is no fodder for animals this year, birds are dying. As reported earlier in the presentation by the Project Consultant, he stated that they have supplied 3 Cr. ltrs. Of water to 40 villages through 20 tankers freely and this process will be continued for further 15 days period as still rain is awaited. For this work, the Coordinators appointed by them have also taken effort. **Shri Dongare** further stated that they are taking efforts to recycle/reuse the waste water in the process after necessary treatment by means of which there will be reduction of water upto 150 CMD. He stated that they tried to separate the water as a condensate from sugarcane condensate and reuse it in the process and they succeeded upto 90% for this experiment during the last year and they are taking efforts to become 100% successful for the same and he expected that this shall be the example for the others.

10. **Shri D.B. Patil**, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad & Member of Public Hearing Panel asked about the Rain Water Harvesting. **Shri Dongare** stated that as a part of rain water harvesting they have conducted the survey of 182 villages in the surrounding area and about 83 bunds (Cement Nalla Bandhara) are being constructed so that the rain water can be stored in it which will help in increase the ground water table. He also stated that with the experts in the field, they have decided to survey of the area this year and as per their guidance, the bunds will be constructed. He further stated that they have also taken in hand the work of digging the trenches (Char) in the surrounding area, specifically in hilly area by means of which also the rain water will be stored on a large scale and it will be useful for the people.

11. **Shri Sunil Mahendrakar**, the Additional District Collector, Parbhani & Chairman of Public Hearing Panel stated that in response to the advertisement published by MPCB in the newspapers, two written suggestions are received, i.e. from **V. Sunanda Reddy**, Environmentalist, Dist: Nalgonda for construction of storage tanks for collecting the overflowing rain water and **H. Madhubhau**, Environment Volunteer, Dist: Hyderabad for giving employment opportunity to the local people, etc. **Shri Mahendrakar** further asked about the CSR. **Shri Dattatray Gaikwad**, C.A. of the factory reported that during the last year, they have expend about Rs. 3.27 Cr. and this year Rs. 5.10 Cr. for various purposes under CSR like water supply, road construction, etc.

As reported by the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel regarding two suggestion received, **Shri Dongare** stated that about 70% employees are from local area since the starting of the industry and he has to increase it upto 90%. with skill development at local level as well as outside training as per the Skill Development Programme started by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. In house training through expert agencies like, Vasantdada Sugar Institute (VSI), etc. will also be given to the workers, if required. Secondly, he stated that their factory has received Food Certification during this year wherein it is necessary to maintain every condition, each and every worker has to provide with Personal I.D., audit of the factory is also carried out through third party as well as internal auditors. He stated that as far as education to the local children is concerned, they have started school, ITI in the area and after completion of ITI, they are included in the factory, they have also provided other infrastructures in the local area as required. **Shri Mahendrakar** further read the written suggestions regarding avenue plantation, plantation of fruit bearing trees,



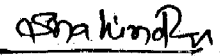
medical value trees, reuse of waste water for plantation, etc. **Shri Dongare** stated that it is very good suggestion. During the last year on the occasion of Workers Day (Kamgar Diwas), he had advised to plant the fruit bearing trees, like banyan tree, neem tree, etc. so that the fruit of such trees can be eaten by the animal, bird, to plant such trees of which water holding capacity is more so that it will help in increasing the ground water table. He stated that earlier in presence of Hon'ble **Shri Gopinathraoji Munde**, they have planted 70 trees of Chinch, 100 trees of Banyan and 100 trees of Jambhul are proposed to plant now. At the backside of factory they have planted total Jambhul and Neem trees and they will be try to plant more and more fruit bearing trees. **Shri Mahendrakar** further read the other suggestion regarding adoption of drip irrigation for the sugarcane crop due to which more water will be saved, farmers will be encouraged for growing the sugarcane crop and it will also help for better environment. **Shri Dongare** stated that considering the available water storage, drip irrigation is the need of time. However, for getting detail knowledge about drip irrigation, they have formed 15 divisions in the area so that they can get detail information, knowledge regarding drip irrigation with of Agriculture Department. He said that till date they have provided the scheme of drip irrigation to 250 Nos. of farmers in the area. **Shri Mahendrakar** further pointed out the suggestion regarding Rain Water Harvesting. As reported earlier, **Shri Dongare** stated that they have started the construction of bunds in the area. He stated that it is proposed to provide the Farming Ponds (Shet Tale) to the farmers in the area with the help of Social Forestry, Agriculture Department, etc. and about 150 farmers nomination is done for the same. The factory management is also co-operating the farmers for Farming Ponds as per the specified standards.

**Shri Sunil Mahendrakar**, the Additional District Collector, Parbhani & Chairman of Public Hearing Panel again requested the public participants that still, if anybody is having any suggestion, objection about the proposed project, same may be expressed within 5 minutes time, but after observing that nobody is having any question, suggestion, etc., he stated that today, the people in the area participated in the Public Hearing being conducted for the expansion project of M/s. Gangakhed Sugar & Energy Ltd. and expressed their views, suggestions, etc., which are recorded. The report of the same will be prepared and submitted to the Government through proper authority. He stated that various issues related with environment is discussed in detail and then concluded the Public Hearing with vote of thanks to the public participants.

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to **Chair**.

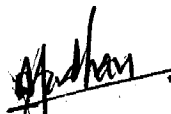


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