

MINUTES OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION/HEARING OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR MILL CAPACITY FROM 4500 TCD TO 12000 TCD, CO-GENERATION UNIT CAPACITY FROM 20 MW TO 70 MW AND DISTILLERY UNIT CAPACITY FROM 60 KLPD TO 160 KLPD, IN RESPECT OF M/S BARAMATI AGRO LTD., AT VILLAGE SHETPHALGADE, TALUKA –INDAPUR, DIST – PUNE, MAHARASHTRA

The Public Hearing for proposed expansion of existing unit of M/s Baramati Agro Ltd. at Village Shetphalgade, Taluka – Indapur, Dist – Pune, for expansion of sugar mill capacity from 4500 TCD to 12000 TCD, co-generation unit capacity from 20 MW to 70 MW and distillery unit capacity from 60 KLPD to 160 KLPD was conducted on 19th August 2016 at 11.00 AM at the site of said unit.

Following were the Panel Members:

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| 1) Shri. Rajendra Muthe
Additional District Magistrate, Pune
(Representative of District Magistrate, Pune) | } | Chairman |
| 2) Shri. S. S. Doke
Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune | } | Member |
| 3) Dr. Prakash Munde
Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune | } | Member, Convener |

The convener with the permission of the Chairman started the proceedings of the public hearing. He welcomed the Honourable Chairman, Regional Officer of MPCB, Representatives of Industry, NGO, Media and the participants for public hearing.

He informed that after receiving the application from Industry, an advertisement of public hearing was published in two local newspapers, 30 days in advance and the document were made available for study purpose at various Govt. offices viz. 1) District Collector, Pune 2) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Pune 3) Office of Sub Divisional Officer, Baramati Tal:- Baramati, Dist:- Pune 4) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Pune 5) Tahasil Office, Indapur Tal:- Indapur, Dist:- Pune 6) Gram panchayat, Shetphalgade, Tal- Indapur, Dist-Pune 7) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administration Building, Mantralaya, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai -32 8) Regional Office, Western Zone Bhopal, Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan, Link Road No.3, Bhopal-462016 9) Head Office, M.P.C.B, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road, No. 8, Sion Circle, Sion (East) Mumbai – 22 10) Regional Office, M.P.C.B., Pune 11) Sub Regional Office, M.P.C.B., Pune-I now the public hearing is being conducted. He then invited the proponent to give presentation on project features and action plan for environmental management.

Project proponent's representative Mr. Akshay Kulkarni gave presentation in Marathi language with computer aided projection.

The convener then announced with permission of Chairman that the people in the related area can ask questions related to projects proposed expansion with respect to environment or give any suggestions for the project. Questions and suggestions will be included in the minutes of the meeting and will be conveyed to the Government.

- 1) Mr. Sanjay L. Kakade, Sarpanch, Siddheshwar Nimbodi asked that how the industry will manage the requirement of additional water?
 - Representative of the Industry, replied that Sugar and distillery unit have installed condensate recovery unit. The water recovered from the unit will be recycled for the process. Further, sugarcane contains water. This water too will be utilized in the process. Hence increase in water demand due to expansion will be limited. Therefore no additional sanction for water drawal is necessary.
- 2) Mrs. Hemlata Bhosale, Sarpanch, Shetphalgade asked whether additional water will be needed over the current consumption.
 - Representative of the Industry, replied that though water requirement will be increased, it will be managed by recycling of water from condensate recovery unit and additional sanction of fresh water is not required for the expansion, over and above the existing quota.
- 3) Mr. Doke, Regional Officer, MPCB asked about detailed information regarding water requirement.
 - Representative of the Industry replied that the industry currently has permission for water drawl from Ujani and Khadakwasala Dam. But not all water is consumed currently. Current water need is satisfied by condensate recovery unit. The water recovered from the unit is being recycled for the process. The same practice will continue for expansion also. No additional water drawl permission will be required.
- 4) Mr. DattatrayKadam, Resident, Shetphalgade inquired whether sugarcane required for expansion, will be taken from the vicinity.
 - Mr. Gulve, Director, replied that preference for purchasing the sugarcane will be given to farmers in the vicinity

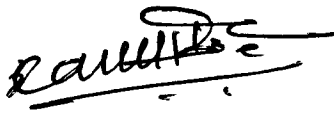
- 5) Mr. DhanajiGholap, Parawadi asked whether job opportunities will be created after expansion and whether local people will be given priority for the employment.
- Mr. Gulve, Director, replied that after expansion, certainly there will be job opportunities in the industry and local people will be given priority for the employment.
- 6) Mr. Sangram Mokashi, Resident, Katphal asked whether boiler stack ash will increase due to expansion.
- Representative of the Industry replied that for control, Electrostatic Precipitator will be installed ahead of stack. Due to this, the ash coming out will be as per standards.
- 7) Mr. Doke, Regional Officer, MPCB asked about Spent wash disposal and biogas.
- Representative of the Industry answered that spent wash is subjected to bio-digester and in this process biogas is generated. This biogas will be again used in process. After Bio-digestion, the volume of spent wash will be reduced via concentration and then composted. From 160 KLPD distillery, about 280 m³ concentrated spent wash is obtained and as a result, 140 T compost is prepared. Remaining press-mud can be given to farmers as soil conditioner.
- 8) Mr. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist supported the industry. He had few suggestions like (i) To collect data regarding crops, health and groundwater(ii) Maintain ecological balance (iii) Undertake rainwater harvesting to improve groundwater (iv) Plant trees in villages and near roads to control dust, for this medicinal and fruit bearing trees be preferred(v) Give top priority to local unemployed youth and for them, promote skill development program (vi) To plan CSR, form a committee of Government, PCB and villagers (vii) promote drip/sprinkler irrigation in farmers
- Mr. Gulve, Director, generally agreed with all the suggestions and stated that Baramati Agro Sugar Division has always encouraged drip irrigation. In future also industry will encourage drip irrigation. Industry has target of bringing 10,000 acres of land under drip irrigation and have already achieved 6000 acres.

- 9) One resident asked whether industry will make available any advanced seeds.
- Mr. Gulve, Director, replied that industry has already developed advanced seeds and so advised to the farmers. People may approach company for more information.
- 10) Mr. Dnyandeo Narhari Bhosale, Resident, Shetphalgade asked whether excess water can be given to neighbouring farmers after treatment. He requested that local youth should be given employment, and further with expansion, CSR activities too should increase.
- Mr. Gulve, Director, BAL answered that neighbouring villages are already benefited through our organic compost program. Local people will be given priority for the employment. Company is doing programs for CSR like tree plantation and Nala Bunding in nearby villages. After expansion, CSR amount will be definitely increased and it shall be utilized for nearby villages. Further, if excess water is available, it will be given to local farmers as per their demand.

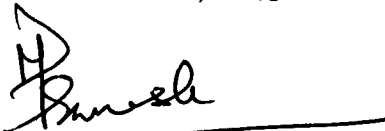
The Convener asked again if there are any questions and suggestions and handed over the session to the Chairman. As no further questions/ suggestions were forthcoming, Hon'ble Chairman declared the session to be closed. The convener gave vote of thanks and assured that the minutes of the meeting will be sent to Government.


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