

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. SHRI DNYANESHWAR SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LTD.FOR EXPANSION OF EIXITING SUGAR FACTORY 2000 TCD (5000 TCD TO 7000 TCD) SUGAR PLANT AND 19.5 MW (12 MW TO 31.5 MW) CO-GENERATION UNIT AT VILLAGE BHENDE, TALUKA NEWASA, DISTRICT AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA

1. **Shri. Rajendrakumar patil** : **Chairman**
Additional District Magistrate
Ahmednagar.

 2. **Shri. P.R.Mane**
Sub Regional Officer, : **Convener.**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahmednagar
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As per the register kept for attendance the residents of the nearby area and others, about 102Nos, were present for the public hearing. A list of those present during public hearing is enclosed as **Annx-1**.

Shri Rajendrakumar Patil Additional District Magistrate and chairman of the public hearing welcomed the public hearing panel and the public attended for the hearing. He informed that this hearing has conducted as per TOR Granted to the industry as per the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), New Delhi, Notification No. 1533 dated 14 September, 2006 and as amended thereto time to time. He briefly gave information about the procedure of the public hearing and informed that a notice was published in newspapers viz. Daily Lokmat in Marathi and Daily Times of India in English Dt. 25.05.2016 and appealing public to participate in the public hearing and file suggestions, views, comments and objections to Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), 1st floor, Hall No.2&3, Savitribai Phule Vyapari Sankul, Near T.V. Center, Savedi, Ahmednagar and also to

the offices mentioned in the public notice in the newspapers within 30 days from issuance of public notice.

He further informed that the executive summaries both in English and Marathi and the draft EIA Report as submitted by the project proponent pertaining to this project were made available at different Govt. Offices like Collector's office, Ahmednagar District Industries Centre (DIC) Udyog Bhavan, Ahmednagar, CEO Zilla Parishad Ahmednagar, Sub-Divisional Officer, Tal. Ahmednagar Dist. Ahmednagar, Tehsildar Office, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar, Grampanchayat Office, BhendeBk, Bhende Khurd, Soundala and Kukana, Tal. Nrewasa, Dist. Ahmednagar, Regional Officer, MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Nashik, Ministry of Environment, New Admn. Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32, Member Secretary, MPCB, (HQ), Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, In front of CINE Planet, Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai etc. for public, NGO, nearby residents to study the project and file their views, comments, objections etc. in respect of the same MPCB has received 06 numbers of objection/complaint in writing, from the public till today. However, he clarified that the public can raise the objections/suggestions/views in writing or orally during the public hearing also. He further mentioned that their objections/ suggestions/views will be sent to the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of `India, Newdelhi

In continuation Shri P.R.Mane, Sub-Regional Officer Ahmednagar and Convener said that the advertisement of proposed sugar and co-generation project was given in Lokmat (Marathi) and Times of India (English) on 25.05.2016. He welcomed all the peoples present here from surrounding villages and appealed them to express their views today after giving their names, addresses, also he requested to all public to write their names in the attendance register with signature and instructed the project proponent to give presentation on the proposed project.

The representative of the Project Proponent Mr. A. K. Mhaskar (M/s. Ultra Tech) gave the detailed presentation on the proposed expansion of sugar factory 2000 TCD (5000 TCD to 7000 TCD) sugar plant and 19.5 MW (12 MW to 31.5 MW) Co-Generation unit. He explained the details about expansion, products, by-products, investments, sources of pollution and control equipments for the same, for example air, water, noise and land. He further explained about the provisions made by M/s. Shri Dnyaneshwar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Village Bhende, Taluka Newasa, District Ahmednagar, to achieve the standards prescribed by MPCB and all other concern authorities.

Thereafter, Shri.Rajendra kumar Patil,Additional District Magistrate, Ahmednagar appealed to the people to present their views, questions and accordingly the answers were given to them.

1. Mr.Popat Madhav Waghadkar, A/P-Bhende BK, Tal. Newasa Dist. Ahmednagar :-

Waste water is send out side of the factory area by the factory. We have demanded to stop the waste water outside the factory but they have not taken any cognizance .Due to which our land is become unfertile due to waste water. As my house is near about 1 to 1½ K. M. away from the factory we have nuisance due to pollution as well as the peoples residing in Bhende and Kukana village are affected by the disease like Malaria &Jaundice. Also due to waste water Cows & Buffalos also become ill. Due to the black smoke the steel sheets of our roof affected and resulting holes on it due to which we required to replace the steel sheets. From establishment of the factory our development has occurred but due to waste water contamination in down and upper sides the nalla which is near to my agriculture land and house affects our business of cows and buffalos for which we have taken the loan. `Hence we requested stop of the waste water coming to outside the factory premises.

Explanation given by Mr. Anil P. Shewale, Managing Director that our proposed expansion of factory and co-gen project. We are replacing the old technology based boiler by new technology based boiler. We will also give treatment to waste water emerging out through new project and with separate pipe line the processed water are used for the irrigation on factory land. We also take more precaution about waste water. We are also going to install ESP system to the boiler to control the Ash emerging from chimney. Also height of chimney is 86 mtr. and because of that no ash will thrown from the boiler and air pollution will be controlled. We are taking all due precaution to control environment pollution& will also do in future

2. Mr Ganesh Gavhane, At/Post- Bhende BK, Tal.Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar :-

From last 40 years development activities are going on with the help of factory. Peoples of local area get employment. Whether more people can get employment by erection of 31.5 MW co-gen project? By this project which changes will occur on local area and economy of factory? Which precautions are taken about ash emerging from the boiler? With help of factory 5 to 6 villages gets drinking water from last ten years. Our Grampanchyat is very thankful for that. With help of factory the barren land gets developed and comes under the agriculture land, students gets employment and our market is developed, so it is my request that please give permission for the expansion.

3. **Mr Jagganath Madhav Korde, At/Post- Pravarasangam, Tal.Newasa Dist. Ahmednagar.:-**

By sugar factory the development of our both talukas occurred and farmers were benefitted .Also Factory take efforts for the development of local area and increase the cane production and from that farmers were benefitted. Because of the education society students of local area are gone abroad. In future we are expecting effects should be taken by the factory for the development of agriculture field for which common people needed this expansion project for that purpose their development so I requesting the Government may help for the development of this project.

4. **Mr Ashok Misal, At/Post-Bhende BK, Tal.Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar :-**

With the help of Dnyaneshwar factory peoples of Bhende and local area gets benefitted by this facotry50 to 60 thousand plants were planted in this area and because of that there is no issue of pollution. Our house is very close from the factory and they take precautions time to time, so we do not have any issue of pollution. In future we are expecting factory should take more precautions about pollution. Near about ½ lakh peoples are depending on sugar factory so proposed project may be established.

5. **Mr. Dattarya Kale, A/P- Bhende BK. Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmendagar**

We are residing near to the factory but there is no issue of pollution to us.

6. **Mr. Karbhari Garad, At/Post-Bhende BK. Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmendagar:-**

Hon'ble Late Shri Ghule Patil Saheb has established this factory with great vision and because of that industrial, financial, and all type of development occurred in this area as well as, students from nearby villages has gone abroad for education. Expansion of factory is a good thing and no doubt about that, due the development of factory and local area will be developed. But presently during the transportation of press mud and compost, some quantity spilled on road and which causing troubles to near farmers, so precaution should be taken in this regards.

7. **Mr Kachardas Gundhecha, A/P-Devgaon, Tal.Newasa, Dist. Ahmendagar--**

The families staying in both the Talukas were happy due to this factory.The livelihood of agriculturist and cane harvesting labor were depending on this factory, so the permission may be granted for expansion.

8. Mr Digambar Prahald Rindhe, A/P- JeurHaibati, Tal.Newasa, Dist. Ahmendagar :-

All type of precautions were taken by the factory from time to time. My village Jeur is very near to the factory but there is no issue of pollution. Also Press mud and Compost is one of the byproduct of the factory were used for agricultural and were benefitted, so we are with the expansion of this factory.

9. Mr Namdeo Shinde, A/P- Bhende BK. Tal.Newasa, Dist. Ahmendagar :-

I am giving some suggestions about waste water Management of the factory. As Factory is going to make expansion and modernization of co-gen project which is good thing as due to this project employees and share holders get benefitted. But because of waste water comes outside the factory premises which trouble students of the schools and local residence. So better treatment should be given to waste water and waste water should not come outside the factory premises so that it will not affect the surrounding area for which more precautions should be taken by factory authority. Explanation given by Mr. Anil P. Shewale, Managing Director that because of our proposed expansion of factory and co-gen project there is no increase in water effluent. At present with guidance of V.S.I. Pune activated sludge cum biotower unit for the ETP is working. As per your suggestion more precaution will be taken for better processes on waste water.

10. Mr Daulatrao Deshmukh, A/P-Kukana, Tal.Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.:-

In our village with the help of Dnyaneshwar factory we started the work of widening and increasing the depth of nalla is going on. As well as plantation work is in progress to avoid soil erosion.

11. Mr Ravindra Kashinath Nawale, BhendKh. Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar. :-

Because of factory our agriculture land is irrigated as well as factory supplies press mud at minimum rate due to which our sugarcane production is increase as well as it helps for cultivation of pomegranate. Also there is a demand from outside Districts as it is a good fertilizer. For the water supply scheme for 7-8 villages Factory had given his 20 acres of land for that scheme and the Water supply is given to near about 80% villages of Newasa taluka. We are very thankful of the Management of factory because of factory expansion and co-gen modernization, local people get employment. So permission may be given.

12. Sau. Sangita Gavhane, Sarpanch, Bhende Bk. Grampanchyat :-

Because of factory, the financial and educational development of my village and local area has occurred as well as Waste water management of the factory is good.

13. Mr Rajendra Adhav, A/P-Bhaigaon, Tal.Shevgaon, Dist. A.nagar:-

Our village is 10-12 K.M. away from the factory. In past there was drought condition in our village and now in our village no one is un-employed as well as there is no pollution from last 10 to 15 years. In past the people of our villages were going to outside villages for livelihood. But with the co-operation of factory the education facilities of preliminary to college are available to the boys and girls of villages at karkhana site. The English medium and also various educational professional courses are available. There is a good reputation of our factory and education sanstha in whole state of Maharashtra, due to which our life has become satisfied. The surrounding area of our factory will be changed due to expansion and additional co-generation project. I am requesting on the behalf of share holders, farmers that both the project be started properly.

14. Kisan Baburao Yadav, A/P- Bhende BK. Tal.Newasa,Dist. Ahmednagar. :-

My house is very close to the factory and near nalla as well as I have 10 acres of Agricultural land with cattle farm. But my land become unfertile due to waste water containing ash flows through nalla. Also my cattle's are also become unfertile and time to time their abortion takes place due to drinking of this Waste water. This waste water enters in to well and bore well through percolation and flows continuously from three months.

15. Sandip Gavhane, A/P- Bhende BK. Tal.Newasa,Dist. Ahmednagar. :-

It is true that development of village is happened due to factory, but due to waste water in last year my three acre Banana crop and three acre pomogranate crop get affected. I have constructed small water storage tank at my own cost but waste water is entered in that tank and the water got polluted. I am appealing to the Panel to come and see the fact or see the reality by surveying the area and see what type of precautions is taken by factory for better treatment of water.

16. Somnath Gavhane ,A/P- Bhende BK. Tal.Newasa,Dist. Ahmednagar. :-

My house is adjacent to factory and the land were distillery is established was belonging to us previously. There is no issue of waste water and ash as well as Factory supplies drinking water every day by tanker to us.


17. Dadasaheb Gajre, A/P- Bhende BK. Tal.Newasa,Dist. Ahmednagar. :-

I have discussion with Managing Director of factory about management of waste water. We are benefitted from factory as local people gets employment. During crushing season food for cattle's are available. So there is benefit to use from proposed expansion of co-generation project with no any loss.

The chairman of public hearing Shri.Rajendrakumar Patil, after waiting for few minutes appealed to the public to ask further question, if any, related to the proposed plant. Thereafter, the panel of the public hearing waited for suggestion, view of participants for some time. But nobody asked any additional question and 15 nos objection/suggestion/view (including previous six objection / suggestion / views) in writing were submitted by public and they are as follows


1. Sunanda reddy, Telangana
2. Shri. Vitthal Shanker Garad. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
3. Shri Ankush Rangnath Kale. . Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
4. Shri. MAdhkar Bhagwan Patekar . Tal- Shevgaon ,Dist .Ahmednagar ..
5. Dr. Ravsaheb Eknath Fulari. . Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
6. Shri Karbhari Eknath Garad. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
7. Shri Kishan Baburao Yadav. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
8. Adv.N..T. Wagh. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
9. Shri Anna Saheb Vitthal Gawane. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
10. Shri Sanjay Ambadas Fulari Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
11. Shri Ramesh Arjun Gawane. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
12. Smt.Sindhubai Ramesh Gawane. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
13. Shri Deepak Kachru Palve. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
14. Shri Sandeep Balbhim Gawane. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .
15. Shri. Raosaheb Rambhau Tagad. Tal- Newasa ,Dist .Ahmednagar .

All objection / suggestion / views the list is attached as an **Annex-2**. He inform that all above objections / suggestion / views will be communicated to MoEF Delhi. With this minutes of Public hearing He further thanked all villages & Karkhana Management as well as Sub-Regional Officer Shri P.R.Mane of M.P.C. Board & also expressed his gratitude to management team for the arrangement of public hearing and declared that the public hearing was concluded.



(P. R. Mane)

Sub- Regional Officer
M.P.C.B. Ahmednagar



(Rajendra kumar Patil,)

President
Addl. District Magistrate Ahmednagar