

Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing

M/s. Karan Sugars Pvt. Ltd. has submitted the proposal to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for change and expansion of 30 KLPD cane juice based distillery to proposed 100 KLPD at molasses based distillery at Gat No. 487/488 A/2 488 A/3, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur. In this regard, M.P.C. Board has conducted the environmental public hearing on 09-11-2013 at 12.30 A.M. at the Karkhana site, Herwad. Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur. During the public hearing, the following public hearing panel members were present.

1. Shri. Sanjay Pawar, .. Chairman
Additional District Magistrate,
Kolhapur (Representative of
District Collector, Kolhapur)
2. Shri. S.S. Doke, .. Representative of M.P.C.
Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board. Board
Kolhapur.
2. Shri. Sujit Dholam .. Convener
Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board,
Kolhapur.

Shri Sujit Dholam, Convener of public hearing has welcomed all the public present & with the due permission of the Chairman, the work of public hearing proceeded. He explained that M/s. Karan Sugars Pvt. Ltd. has submitted the proposal to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for change and expansion of 30 KLPD cane juice based distillery to proposed 100 KLPD at molasses based distillery at Gat No. 487/488 A/2 488 A/3, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur. Ministry and Environment and Forest, Government of India, New Delhi has given conditional TOR for the proposed project. As per the EIA notification dt. 14 September 2006 of MOEF, Government of India,

New Delhi, this public hearing is conducted. M.P.C. Board has published advertisement in local newspaper in daily Pudhari on 05.10.2013 in Marathi and in Times of India on 07.10.2013 in English language one month before this public hearing. The copy of environment impact assessment report as submitted by the project proponent & other documents pertaining to this project was placed in the offices of District Collector, Kolhapur, Zill Parishad, Kolhapur, District Industries Center, Kolhapur, Tahasil Office, Shirol, Grampanchayat office, Herwad, Office of the MPC Board at Mumbai, Regional Office, MPCB, Kolhapur & Environment Department, Mantralaya, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai so as to have access to the concerned public for referring the details of Public Hearing documents and were requested to file their objections / suggestions / views etc. He informed that the participant who wants to submit their suggestions/objections can submit the same after the presentation of the project proponent. The minutes of the public hearing will be submitted to the Environment Department. The role of this committee is to record objections, questions, suggestions, queries of the public and then to submit further. This committee will not take decision about the proposed project. He informed that the participant who wants to submit their written representations during the public hearing. After permission of Hon. Chairman of the committee, Shri Dholam requested the project proponent to give presentation regarding the proposed project and requested the Chairman of committee to conduct the public hearing.

The Technical advisor of M/s. Karan Sugars Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Satish Patil, gave presentation with the help of slide show. He presented Introduction, study of environment, map of proposed project, land available for the proposed project, manufacturing process, expansion investment, available molasses, steam and energy generation, solid waste management, water demand, air pollution control plan, primary study, noise levels monitoring, ground water analysis results, soil analysis report, environmental impact, environment management plan, green belt development etc.

Then after the presentation, the Chairman of the committee asked the public to raise their question/suggestions if any regarding the proposed the project. He informed that the minutes of the public hearing will be submitted to government.

Question: Shri. Mahesh Todkar, A/p. Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

The project proponent should take steps as per the information given in slide show presentation and provide pollution control system. The people in the village will get employment.

Question: Shri. Bandu Bargale, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

The project proponent has taken permissions for starting project. There should be environmental balance and employment to the local people. The fertilizer provided by the industry will be good for the agricultural land of the villagers and they will get good income from crops. I am satisfied and give support to the proposed project.

Question: Shrimati Suvarna, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Proposed project will cause dust pollution. There is goddess temple near to the proposed project and there will be nuisance to the people visiting the temple and danger to their health. We oppose the proposed project.

Answer:

Dr. Satish Patil, Technical Consultant of the project proponent told that presently the industry is closed when it will be started all the precaution will be taken. As per presentation air pollution control system will be provided. Ash will not go out 25 acres premises of industry. PM₁₀ ash is not hazardous.

PM_{2.5} dust is harmful for health. When industry will be started this will be controlled.

Question: **Shri Bhupal Ramu Chowgule, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.**

Air and water will be polluted if the project is started. Oxygen is necessary for burning and bagasse cause pollution. Due to earlier project blackish and dirty water observed to our wells which burn the crop. We completely oppose the proposed project. Benefits are less but losses are more. This project should go to the coastal area. The projects of this type in Ichalkaranji and Kolhapur causing pollution and animals do not drink the polluted water. Due to heavier weight, carbon di oxide will come down.

Answer:

Dr. Satish Patil, Technical Consultant of the project proponent told that development for any kind of project use natural resources. But we should use these resources carefully. There will not be any pollution in view of control measures proposed point of view. It will be a zero discharge project. All type of care will be taken when project will be started.

Question: **Shri Mahesh Patil, Sainik Takali, Dist: Kolhapur.**

Will you provide dust collector for the proposed project ? Due to the use of bagasse, ash of M/s. Gurudatta Sugar factory causes air pollution. We do not believe you. You have told that there is no pollution by ash up to 5 Km. but our village is 5 Km. from the project site. This project should be started in industrial zone. The industries in Ichalkaranji also cause water pollution. All things should be considered. We oppose to start the proposed project.

Answer:

Dr. Satish Patil, Technical Consultant of the project proponent told that this is agro base project and hence, not necessary to start in industrial area.

Question: Shri B. M. Deshmukh, Herwad, Tal : Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

The people in this area who have not any land will get employment in the proposed project. After complying all conditions, the project should be started.

The Hon. Chairman instructed the villagers to ask questions about environment pollution only.

Question: Shri Satvappa Dhondiba Bargade, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

This type of project is started in Kasaba Bawada, Kolhapur and village Korochi and it will not cause nuisance of pollution to us. Hence, the proposed project should be started.

Question: Shri Vasantao Desai, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

After complying as per the presentation given by the project proponent the project should be started. You should take care that there will not be any pollution from ash. The responsibility of Road maintenance should be taken by the project proponent.

Question: Kalpana Vatkar, Member of Grampanchvat Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

We are opposing the proposed project because alcohol will be produced from the proposed project . We totally oppose alcohol production.

Question: Shri Sukumar Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

There is lot of nuisance due to ash. There are lot of problems due ash of M/s. Warana S.S.K. Ltd.

Question: Shri Dilip Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Who will be responsible for water pollution and land infertility due to the proposed project?

Ans. It will be a zero discharge project.

Question: Shri Suhas Birnale, Akiwat, Dist: Kolhapur.

Oxygen is necessary for combustion. If we plant trees there will not be any difficulty. Only bagasse will be used in the proposed project for burning. No objection to start the project.

Question: Shri Vishwas Balighate, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

We oppose the proposed project.

Question: Shri Jingonda Balgonda Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Due to proposed project 700 acre land will be affected. There are 150 labors working there. I oppose the proposed project.

Question: Shri Bandu Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

I yesterday submitted objection letter to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and reading the points today. The proposed project is near the river Krishna, Panchaganga and Dudhganga. The waste water will mix in this river. Daily generation of 13.4 ton of ash will cause air pollution. Due to the ash crops will be damaged permanently. This ash can mix in water bodies. EIA report suggest that there is no historical monument in the vicinity of proposed project. But Khidrapur temple is 7 K.M. from this project. 7/12 and gat numbers are not given for locations of water samples collected. Well water samples not taken. Proposed project is under 500 mtrs from Panchaganga river high flood line. The project is on high altitude. Hence, the

land will be affected. The waste water will mix in bore well. Health problems will be caused to people going to Santubai temple in the village. Dhyan mandir is near to project. Information pertaining to nearest village and distance from project site is incorrect in EIA. What is meaning of co-generation. There will be risk to animals in schedule 1 & 2. There is contradiction in past and present information given by the project proponent. Information regarding disposal of ash is not given. Expected expenditure information in EIA report is not correct. Conditions about water resources and water pollution are prescribed in letter. There is tree plantation/forest near to proposed project and this is not mentioned by the project proponent. Hence, permission should not be granted to the proposed project and we oppose the project.

Answer:

Dr. Satish Patil, Technical Consultant of the project proponent told that we have revised the old EIA. In the proposed project there will zero discharge. There are many such projects in Maharashtra. This project is 4 Km. from river. Crowfly distance is 2.7 Km and Irrigation Department has given letter. There will zero discharge. Hence, there will no water pollution outside this industry. Khidrapur temple crow fly distance is 9.7 KM.

Question: Shri Mahadev Mhaske, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Industry shall take adequate measures so as there will not be any pollution from the project. We support project

Question: Shri M. S. Kamble, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

There is industrial development all over. Industry shall be operated with all due care about pollution issues.

Question: Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad.

There is big gap in total land area available and that for green belt. Base line date is collected in 2012. The same supplied by the consultant undertaken for the winter season 2011. There is discrepancy. Please increase 33% plantation instead of industry spending Rs. 5.0 Crores on pollution control devices. Expenditure toward health care and human development activity shall be increased. I will submit written representation

Answer:

The project consultant K.N.Sharma, told that we will make zero discharge. Hence, this much amount of budget provision is required for pollution control devices and funds cannot be diverted. Additional provision can be done

Question: Shri Bandu Bargale, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Industry engaged in manufacturing the by product from sugar cane shall be introduced, if economical status of farmers is to be improved.

Question: Shri Pradip Chougule, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Project proponent has informed that they shall be trying to reduce the pollution levels. Does that mean, that there will be generation of pollution.

Answer:

Dr. Satish Patil, Technical Consultant of the project proponent told that there shall not be any discharge of pollutants exceeding the norms of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. We should comply legal conditions. MOEF, CPCB and MPCB shall be regularly monitoring the industry.

Question:

There will lot of dust generate from the proposed plant. Ash is mixed in our borewell water. This ash comes for 15 minutes. Also there is lot ash in the air. It is not possible to incinerate water as per your submissions. Now the industry is closed, but ash and oil are present in the water. My loss is rupees 3 to 5 lakhs. We totally oppose the proposed project and give more employment than project proponent.

Question: Shri Rajendra Pujari, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Give us two months period to study the EIA report.

Ans.

Shri. S.S. Doke, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Kolhapur informed that as per rules, the EIA report was placed in all concern Government offices for study of public and also there was notice in local news papers to submit your comments, 30 days before the date of public hearing.

Question: Shri Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Who will get benefits from the production of this project ? What will be done if well water gets polluted. We oppose project.

Question: Shri Sanjay Chougule, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

The paper mill of M/s. Datta S.S.K. Ltd. is closed due to the complaints of local villagers regarding waste water of the factory. Like this, I request to take care of local people and pollution should not be caused.

At this time, Shri. Dagdu Kuruchi and Ramgonda Patil, Herwad said the project should be started.

Question: Shri Jaywant Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

River Panchaganga is already polluted hence, do not cause more pollution. I totally oppose the proposed project.

Question: Shri Jivan Kamble, Member, Gram Panchayat, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

The project should be started.

Shri. Shankar Akiwate, Shri Machindra Kamble, Shri Anil Akiwate, A: Herwad, Tal: Shirol told that the project should be started after providing pollution control system and without causing air pollution.

Question: Shri Sanjay Biranage, Sainik Takli, Dist: Kolhapur.

Due to this project there will loss to farmers. Provide pollution control system. I support because it can give us employment.

Question: Shri Babaso Nebaje, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Provide pollution control system and start the project.

Question: Shri Vijay Devavane, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

It is difficult for us to take our meal due to flies nuisance due to and spent wash.

Question: Shri Pradeep Desai, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

The well water will be polluted due to this project. I totally oppose the project.

Question: Shri Amol Kumbhar, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

I totally oppose the proposed project to produce the alcohol in the area of village goddess.

Question: Shri Vijay Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

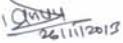
There is less cultivable land. If this agriculture land is affected due to pollution from this project that will be huge loss to villagers. River Panchaganga is already polluted and the water will further pollute. I totally oppose this project.


Question: Shri Patil, Herwad, Tal: Shirol, Dist: Kolhapur.

Give us undertaking for giving compensation to the villagers if the crops damaged due to the proposed project. Two crores rupees compensation per acre should be given.

Finally, the Chairman of the public hearing committee thanked the people for their comments, objections, and suggestions and ended the public hearing.

The written objections/suggestions received from various peoples/organization/N.G.O. enclosed herewith.


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26/11/12
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Collector, Kolhapur).