

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. SHREE AMBALIKA SUGAR PVT. LTD. FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING SUGAR FACTORY 4200 TCD ( 3300 TCD TO 7500 TCD) SUGAR PLANT, 23 MW ( 15 MW TO 38 MW) CO-GENERATION UNIT AND NEW MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY OF CAPACITY 60 KLPD. AT AMBIKA NAGAR, TAL. KARJAT, DIST. AHMEDNAGAR, MAHARASHTRA.**

---

**PROCEEDINGS**

The environmental Public hearing in respect of M/s. Shree Ambalika Sugar Private Limited was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 at the site of the factory for Modernization cum expansion of 3300 TCD to 7500 TCD sugar plant, 15 MW to 38 MW Co-generation units and new molasses based distillery of capacity 60 KLPD at Ambika nagar, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra.

The following were the panel members present for conducting the public hearing:

---

- |  |   |           |
|--|---|-----------|
| 1. Mr. Rajendrakumar Patil<br>Additional District Magistrate<br>Ahmednagar.                    | : | Chairman  |
| 2. Shri. V.V. Shinde<br>Regional Officer,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik.      | : | Member.   |
| 3. Shri. P.R. Mane<br>Sub Regional Officer,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahmednagar | : | Convener. |
- 

The residents of the nearby area and others, about 247 Nos, were present for the public hearing. A list of those present during public hearing is enclosed as **Annexure-1**.

Shri P. R. Mane, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahmednagar and convener of the public hearing welcomed the Chairman of the public hearing panel and the public attended for the hearing. He informed that this hearing has conducted as per TOR granted in the meeting 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of Environmental Appraisal Committee, MOEF New Delhi held on 28 th may, 2014 as per the Ministry of Environment & Forest (MoEF), New Delhi, Notification No. 1533 dated 14 September, 2006 as amended by Notification No. 3067 (E) dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009. 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. 30.07.2014 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), 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar, Tehsildar Office, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar, Grampanchayat Office, Baradgaon Sudrik, Baradgaon Dagdi, Bampora, Taju and Belwandi, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar, Regional Officer, MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, Nashik, Ministry of Environment, New Admn. Building, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32, Member Secretary, MPCB, (HQ), Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. But MPCB has not so far received any 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, New Delhi.

In continuation Shri Rajendra Kumar Patil Additional District Magistrate, Ahmednagar said that the advertisement of proposed sugar and co-generation and new distillery project was given in Lokmat (Marathi) and Times of India (English) on 30.07.2014. 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 (M/s. Ultra Tek and M/s. MKW Bio-systems) Mr. M.H. Mujawar gave the detailed presentation on the proposed expansion of sugar FACTORY 4200 TCD( 3300 TCD TO 7500 TCD) SUGAR PLANT, 23 MW( 15 MW TO 38 MW) CO-GENERATION UNIT AND NEW MOLASSESS BASED DISTILLERY OF CAPACITY 60 KLPD. He explained the details about expansion, products, bye-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. Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd., Ambika Nagar, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar to achieve the standards prescribed by MPCB and all other concern authorities.

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

- 1) **Shri Gorakh Sopan Darade: At & Post Taju, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar.**  
He said that presently the factory is maintaining good environment and having excellent future, however he asked that how the industry will do the disposal of waste water generation from proposed distillery and co-generation unit ?

**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**  
Replied that the spent wash generated from distillery will be concentrated in spent wash evaporation system (MEE) followed by incineration boiler. The same technology is being used in Tamil Nadu in M/s. Rajshree Sugar and Shiv Ganga Sugar. This technology will be the first to be used in Maharashtra and by this technology, the issue of pollution due to spent wash will be resolved by the industry.



- 2) **Shri. Sanjay Sudrik Patil, Baradgaon Sudrik, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar**

Presently good numbers of people are working in existing unit. Now due to this proposed project, what would be the benefit available to the local people? Please give the explanation.

**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**

Replied that as per the present practice, priority is given to the local people. He assured that in future, company will retain 85% of people from the local area. The existing employees are given training as per requirement. The local people having qualification of Diploma, BSc (Chemistry), BSc (Agri) will be given preference.

- 3) **Dr. Nitin Pisal, Baradgaon Sudrik, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar.**

As on date, the industry is smoothly working. After the expansion, modification what will be effect on social and economic condition?

**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**

Based on SDF Scheme, industry is getting loan @ 4% which will be utilized for borewell, pipeline, new variety of Cane crop etc. Due to drip irrigation facility, farmers will be able to get good production in less water and less manpower. We will arrange different seminars for the awareness of farmers and soil testing lab will also be made available to the members. Also, discussion seminars will be arranged for the benefit of farmers to make them known about newer farming technology, gatherings, tour programmers, trips. Facilities like hospitals, schools, shopping complex, marriage halls, petrol pumps etc. will be made available to the farmers of nearby villages. Also, necessary guidance on farming and tree plantation will also be given to them.

- 4) **Shri. Shivaji Baburao Ranadive, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar.**

As on date, the industry is smoothly working. But, how you will dispose off solid wastes – please give your comments?

**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**

This is a very good question. We will be going to provide stack of 74 metres height to the boiler during the expansion of co-generation unit and distillery unit. In the ash, percentage of potash will be high which will be very much useful in farming. The ash will be mixed with press mud generated from the industry and same will be sold to the farmers as manure in cheap rates.

- 5) **Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, NGO, Hyderabad.**

In this public hearing, people present raised nice questions. Accordingly, suitable answers were given to them and he suggested that the arrangement of water storage tank should be done which will be used when there will be shortage of river water, so that use of river water will be minimized. Presently industry has done nice tree plantation, but priority should be given to fruit bearing trees.

**Shri. M.H. Mujawar, Environment Consultant.**

It is a nice advice. We are already working on water conservation theme. Earlier, from the last 20 years, the nearby water streams were in dry state. But due to water conservation scheme since the last 12 months, continuous natural water is

flowing in the stream. Industry will start work as per the suggestion given on the tree plantation.

In continuation to the answer Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd said that, nearby water stream is created by the industry using its own funds and 80% of the required water is utilized from this stream and remaining 20% from the river. We are continuously working on drip irrigation scheme and we have proposed to plant 2,00,000 number of trees.

- 6) **Shri. Dattatrya Bhanudas Shete**, Baradgaon Sudrik, Tal. Karjat, Ahmednagar.  
Will the industry provide job to the local people?

**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**  
Preference will be given to the local people and Opportunity will be given to the eligible candidates.

- 7) **Ms. Madhuri Londhe Patil, Member, Panchayat Samiti, Karjat.**  
The project seems to be nice. We support the new venture. What will be the benefits of co-generation plant to the locals people ?

**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**  
We are going for expansion of co-generation from 15 MW to 38 MW. The electricity generated from the project will be transmitted to the local feeder and same will be given to the local people due to which electricity will be available without interruption and thus the problem of electricity will be resolved.

- 8) **Shri. Vijay Deokathe, Ganeshwadi, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahmednagar.**  
What will be the effect of waste water of the project on nearby bore well and well?

**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**  
Replied that Spent Wash neither discharged nor will be stored in factory premises. This is because we are going to dispose the spent wash in incineration boiler. We have seen this type of technology used in Tamil Nadu in sugar plants which is being used since last 5 and the same technology will be used in this proposed unit.


In connection to the answer Mr. Mujawar, Environment Consultant said that Earlier, 10 years back spent wash treatment technology was not available due to which it was stored in lagoon. In rainy season, it get damaged and it was percolated in wells, borewells and streams due to which the water get polluted. But, now the technology of spent wash concentration and incineration is available and Shree Ambalika industry will be the first sugar factory in Maharashtra to adopt this technology and to achieve zero discharge.

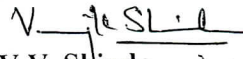
- 9) **Shri Rajendra Babu Gund, Member of Zilla Parishad, Ahmednagar.**  
How you will work on air pollution?

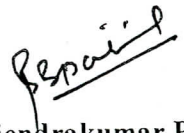
**Shri. S. R. Bhagat, Executive Director of Shree Ambalika Sugar Pvt. Ltd.**  
During the proposed expansion, we are going to establish the stack of 72 to 80 meter height and ESP of Thermax Company will be used as air pollution control

device to the boiler also he assured that the, rules and regulations laid down by MPCB will be followed strictly and Two Lakh number of trees will be planted.

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 8 nos objection/suggestion/view in writing were submitted by public. He further thanked all and said that the views, question raised by the present people and the answer given by the management were upto satisfaction. He also thanked Mr. Reddy, NGO, Hydrabed, Regional officer Shri V.V Shinde and sub-regional officer Shri Mane of M.P.C.Board He also expressed his gratitude to management team for the arrangement of public hearing and declared that the public hearing was concluded.

  
**Shri. P.R. Mane,**  
Sub- Regional Officer,  
MPC Board, Ahmednagar

  
**V.V. Shinde,**  
Regional Officer,  
MPC Board, Nashik.

  
**Rajendrakumar Patil,**  
Chairman  
ADM, Ahmednagar