

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED EXPANSION FOR SUGAR FROM 3,500.0 TCD to 5,500.0 TCD and COGENERATION FROM 12.0 MW 27.0 MW OF M/S KUKADI SAHAKARI SAKHARKARKHANA LTD., AT POST – PIMPALGAON PISA, TAL-SHRIGONDA, DIST – AHMEDNAGAR

The public hearing for proposed expansion in the existing unit of M/s Kukadi Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., At Post – Pimpalgaon Pisa , Tal – Shrigonda, Dist – Ahmednagar for proposed production of sugar from 3,500 TCD to 5,500 TCD and Co-generation from 12.0 MW to 27.0 MW was conducted on 21st April, 2017 at the site of the said industry.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No.E-30 of 2017 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-1513, dated 13th April, 2017.:-

- 1) Shri Rajendrakumar Patil, - Chairman,
Addl. Divisional Magistrate, Ahmednagar
(Representative of District Magistrate, Ahmednagar
- 2) Shri Pramod M. Mane - Convener
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Ahmednagar

The residents of the nearby area and others, about 137 Nos, were present for the public hearing. A list of those present during public hearing is enclosed as Annexure-1.

Shri Rajendrakumar Patil Chairman of the public hearing committee welcomed all government officials, company officials and general public who were attending the public hearing and informed the procedure of hearing. He informed that Convener of the public hearing will informed the details regarding the public hearing and then technical consultant will give the presentation regarding Environmental Impact Assessment and Environment Management Plan then afterwards general public who are attending the meeting in large number can ask the questions regarding issues related to Proposed expansion from Environmental point of view.

Shri Pramod Mane, Convener of the public hearing welcomed Hon'ble Chairman of the public hearing, company officials and public who were present in large number and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Govt. of India, MoEFCC dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification . The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Ahmednagar was in receipt of application of M/s Kukadi Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., At Post – Pimpalgaon Pisa , Tal – Shrigonda, Dist – Ahmednagar for proposed production of sugar from 3,500 TCD to 5,500 TCD and Co-generation from 12.0 MW to 27.0 MW.

The Shri Pramod Mane, Convener further informed that, as per the Notification, the project falls under 1(d) and 5 (j), as per EIA Notification, 2006. The aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The project is discussed in the meeting dated 5th & 6th August, 2016. (TOR). As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in Daily Lokmat in Marathi and in The Times of India in English on 18th March, 2017. Also a copy of EIA report and executive summery was also made available at various offices of government i.e. District Magistrate Office, Ahmednagar, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Ahmedmagar, Regional Office, MPCB, Nashik and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Zilla Parishad, Ahmednagar, District Industries Centre, Ahmednagar, Grampanchayat, Pimpalgaon Pisa and other nearby villages, Tal- Shrigonda, Dist- Ahmednagar, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The Convener further informed that, not a single objection/suggestion in writing was received to the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Ahmednagar. He appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings.

Shri Rajendrakumar Patil, Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details of pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He also appealed general public to give objection / suggestion, if any about the project after their technical presentation.

The representative of the Project Proponent Mr. A. P. Alhat (M/s. VSI) gave the detailed presentation on the proposed expansion of sugar factory 2000 TCD (3500 TCD to 5500 TCD) sugar plant and 15 MW (12 MW to 27 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. Kukade Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Village Pimpalgaon Pisa, Taluka Shrigonda, District Ahmednagar, as per Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan.

After completion of the presentation, Chairman of the Committee appealed general public to ask any question to project officials.

(1) Shri Dattu Sitaram Ethape, resident of Kharatwadi, Pimpalgaon Pisa asked that due to this expansion is there will be increase in water pollution and What steps will be taken by the sugar factory?

Technical consultant of the factory informed that after the manufacturing process, the treated water will be recycled and will be used in the process and remaining for Irrigation purpose. Hence there is no question of water pollution arises.

(2) Shri Eknath Gangadhar Khamkar, resident of Pimpalgaon Pisa asked about the Proposed Air Pollution Control System.

Company consultant informed that modern Air pollution control devices will be installed like Electro Static Precipitator (ESP) will be installed for the new boiler. Hence there is no air pollution during the proposed process.

(3) Shri Vithal Haribhau Kardile, resident of Mungusgaon asked about the disposal of fly ash, which will be produced in during the manufacturing activities.

Company consultant informed that it will be disposed by mixing with compost and strictly of as per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board.

(4) Shri Madhukar Vithal Jadhav, resident of Pimpalgaon Pisa asked about the threat of Air Pollution and also other pollution sources.

Technical Consultant informed that modern Air pollution control devices will be installed for control for Water, Air and Noise pollution. Hence there will be no pollution threat. The company is committed for eco-friendly atmosphere and environment management plan will be implemented whole heartedly.

(5) Shri Nanasaheb Sonawane, resident of Arondali gaon asked that the local people are facing power shortage. If the company is going to produce extra electricity from 12.0 MW to 27.0 MW, whether the local people will be benefited?

Company consultant informed that after consumption, the industry will supply spare 14.65 MW during season and 9.86 MW during off season to MSEDCL as per policy. Naturally, the Govt. owned Electricity Board will be able to use extra electricity produced during manufacturing activities.

Shri Rajendrakumar Patil, Chairman of the Committee and Convener of the Committee appealed general public to raise any question or suggestion regarding proposed expansion.

Chairman of the Committee while concluding the meeting informed that as per the presentation, the company is committed for eco-friendly environment and promises to implement the pollution control measures wholeheartedly. He thanked local people for raising the objections and suggesting the constructive steps for this project. He informed that the suggestions, comments made in this meeting will be incorporated in the proceedings and the report will be submitted to the concern authority through proper channel.

Chairman of the Committee thanked all Government Officials, Company Officials and General Public who attended the public hearing/meeting and public hearing is concluded.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

(Shri Pramod M. Mane)

Convener and Sub Regional
Officer, MPCB, Ahmednagar

(Shri Rajendrakumar Patil)

Chairman of the Committee
and Addl. District Magistrate,
Ahmednagar