

Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing of M/S. Sahakar Shiromani Vasantrao Kale Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd. (SSVKSSKL), Gat No. 943/1, 947, 948, 949, 950, 999/1, 999/2, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003/1, 1003/2, 1004, 1005, At Chandrabhaganagar, Bhalawani, Tal. Pandharpur, Dist. Solapur for their proposed expansion of sugar factory from 2500 TCD to 3600 TCD & new baggase based co-generation power plant of 18 MW capacity.

An environmental public hearing of M/s. Sahakar Shiromani Vasantrao Kale Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., At. Chandrabhaganagar, Bhalawani, Tal. Pandharpur, Dist. Solapur was conducted on 29/01/2014 at 11.30 AM at Vasantrao Kale Vidya Mandir located near Sugar Factory site. Following panel members were present for the Public Hearing -

1. Mr. Vijaysingh Deshmukh :- Chairman
Resident Deputy Collector, Solapur
2. Mr. Herambprasad Gandhe :- Member
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Pimpri Chinchwad
3. Mr. Devidas Koparkar :- Convener
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB Solapur

In the beginning Mr. Devidas Koparkar, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Solapur and convener of the Public Hearing welcomed Hon'ble members of the Public Hearing Panel, concerned villagers and explained that this Public Hearing is being conducted as per the provisions of EIA Notification of MoEF, New Delhi dated 14th September 2006. He informed that public notice of the said hearing was published in Marathi & English daily news paper one month before the hearing. The draft EIA Report & Executive Summary Report of the project were made available at notified offices for public study. The general public was appealed to send their suggestions/objections if any about the project. He requested the project representative to explain the public about the project.

Mr. Ashwin Badge, representative of M/s. MITCON Technical consultant, Pune represented the detail information & given PPT on the project with the help of audio visual projector. He explained about existing project, expansion with new co-generation power project. He also explained about the benefits of new project, possibilities of pollution potential & the control measures for it, tree plantation details. He also explained about shouldering of corporate social responsibilities like Environmental awareness camps/competitions, health related camps etc. by the project management in surrounding area. He briefly inform about following actual social projects undertaken by respective management.

1. Plantation of various 49,890 trees including Suru, Mango, Chiku, and shrubs/herbs etc. in the Sugar factory & distillery premises .
2. To sustain from draught condition supplied about 53 HDPE tanks of capacity 2000 Liters each to revenue authority free of cost so as to supply water in about 41 villages from Pandharpur & Sangola Taluka..
3. Conduction /organization of various competitions/seminars on health, environment and distributed saplings of various trees to the students & villagers in the area

After the presentation member of Public Hearing Panel Mr. Herambprasad Gandhe requested the attendees to ask for their doubts/objections if any. The details of questions asked by the villagers & answers given by the project representatives are as below –

1. Mr. Nandkumar Pandurang Bagal, Sarpanch, Palasi, Tal. Pandharpur- Whether the Farmer's land will be acquired for the proposed project?
Distillery Manager of project Mr. Ghogare informed that the project expansion & new project will be developed on the land owned by the factory. Farmer's land will not be acquired.
2. Mr. Suresh Dethe, Ex. Member of Panchayat Samiti, Taluka Pandharpur- Possibilities of noise pollution due to project & remedial measures for it?

Distillery Manager of the project informed that latest technology machinery will be installed. Best possible control measures will be implemented & precautions will be taken to have noise level within prescribed limit.

3. Mr. Dilip Sambhaji Bhanwase, Ex Sarpanch, Bhalawani, Taluka Pandharpur- What measures will be adopted for management of ash & dust pollution control?

Distillery Manager of the project informed that for control of air pollution electro static precipitator (ESP) & stack of height 75 meters will be installed. Proper ash management will be done, the ash will be utilized for preparation of compost & excess ash will be given to brick manufacturers.

4. Mr. Sayyad Gafur, At. Bhalawani, Taluka Pandharpur- How the effluent from existing plant is managed?

Project representative informed that effluent treatment plant comprising of primary, secondary & tertiary treatment facilities is installed. Treated effluent is reused for the garden & plantation within premises of the project.

5. Mr. Laxman Mahadev Dethe – Employment opportunities have been generated due to this project hence it must be commissioned.

6. Mr. Ismail Mulani, Member of Grampanchayat Bhalawani, Tal. Pandharpur – The expansion of project will result in increased income to it subsequently more price will be given to farmer's sugarcane crop. Farmers will get electricity as it will be generated from the project.

7. Mr. Suresh Dethe, Ex. Member of Panchayat Samiti, Pandharpur – The project has generated employment & has also solved the farmer's sugarcane problem in this area. The expansion of project will generate additional employment opportunities. This project shall be supported.

8. Mr. Tukaram Mane, Sarpanch Pirachi Kuroli, Tal. Pandharpur – Expansion of project will result in increased payment rate to farmer's sugarcane crop, hence it should be completed at the earliest.

9. Mr. Dnyaneshwar Pinjari, At. Shendagewadi, Tal. Pandharpur – It is a good news that the establishment of project will resolve the electricity supply problem of farmers.

After this the Member of Public Hearing Panel requested the public to ask their doubts & questions if any, nobody has asked any further question. Finally the

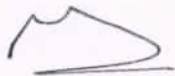
Chairman of the Public Hearing Mr. Vijaysingh Deshmukh requested the farmers to do proper planning & adopt proper crop irrigation method. He assured that detail report of public hearing will be submitted to Ministry of Environment & Forests. Finally the public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks to the chair.



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