

MINUTUES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR UNIT FROM 4,000 TCD TO 7,200 TCD IN RESPECT OF M/S. PADMASHRI. DR.VITTHALRAO VIKHE PATIL SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LTD., A/P- PRAVARANAGAR, TALUKA RAHATA, DISTRICT. AHMEDNGAR, MAHARASHTRA:

The public hearing for proposed expansion of sugar unit from 4,000 TCD to 7,200 TCD in respect of M/s. Padmashri. Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., A/P- Pravaranagar, Tal. Rahata, Dist. Ahmedngar, Maharashtra, at industry site on 29th Aug. 2018 at 11.00 am.

Following were the Panel Members as per Board's Office Order No. E- 61 of 2018, vide letter No. BO/JD (WPC) / PH / B-2455 Dtd. : 8 / 8 /2018.

1. Shri. Prashant Patil.
Residential Deputy Collector and
Addl. District Magistrate, Ahmedngar
(Representative of District Magistrate,
Ahmedngar). : Chairman
2. Shri. P.M.Joshi
Regional Officer, MPCB Nashik
Representative of MPCB : Member
3. Shri. Ajit Patil
Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Ahmednagar
Representative of MPCB will work as : Convener

Shri. Ajit Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Ahmednagar and Convener of the Public Hearing Panel welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, Company Officials and public present in large number and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) 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 and as per EIA Notification,2006.

Further, the Convener and Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Nashik informed that, M/s. Padmashri. Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., A/P- Pravaranagar, Tal. Rahata, Dist. Ahmedngar, Maharashtra, has submitted an application for conducting the public hearing of proposed expansion of sugar unit from 4,000 TCD to 7,200 TCD, at the site of the industry.

The aim of conducting the public hearing is to make aware the local people participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The project proponent had submitted prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to MoEFCC, Gol for Terms of Reference.

As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in Daily Divya Marathi and English newspaper in The Times of India dtd. 26/07/2018. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the said proposed project.

Also a copy of EIA report (Marathi and English) and Executive summary in (Marathi and English) were made available at various offices of Government i.e. Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, District Magistrate Office, Ahmednagar, Sub-Divisional Officer Rahata / Shirdi, District Industries Centre, Ahmednagar, Tahasil Office Rahata / Shirdi, Grampanchayat offices at – Babhaleshwar, Tisgaon, Pathare (B), Songaon, Hanumantgaon, Loni (B), Kolar (B), Tal. Rahata, Dist. Ahmednagar and at Sub-Regional Office, MPCB Ahmednagar, Regional Office, MPCB Nashik and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai and on the website of MPCB.

The Convener further informed that the suggestions and objections raised during the meeting will be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting and minutes of the meeting will be submitted along with CD (video shooting of this hearing) to the Central Govt. through HQ, MPCB Mumbai.

The Convener and SRO MPCB Ahmednagar requested the Chairman of the Panel to permit the Representative of the Project Proponent to start the presentation of the proposed project. In response to this, the Chairman of the Panel directed to the Project Proponent to give the presentation of the proposed project.

The Project Proponent has given the presentation of the proposed project and Environment Management Plan in detail.

The Project information is as hereunder,-

1.	Project Proponent	M/s. Padmashri Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd.,
2.	Project location	Existing mill premises as village Pravaranagar, Tal. Rahata, Dist. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
3.	Land	Total land available with the mill is 272 acre; Total land for sugar unit (existing + expansion) = 7 acres. Greenbelt Total (Existing 32 + proposed 3) = 35 acres
4.	Project	Expansion of sugar unit 4,000 to 7,200 TCD
5.	Main Raw Material	Sugar Unit (based on operational capacity) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sugar Cane : 7,200 TPD • Lime : 13.68 TPD (0.19% Cane) • Sulpher : 3.45 TPGD (0.048% Cane)
6.	Product	Sugar Unit (production figures are based on operational capacity of 7,200 TCD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) White sugar :884.88 TPD (12.29% on cane) ii) Bagasse (generation 28.49% on cane) 2051.28TCD iii) Molasses (3.79% on cane): 272.88 TCD iv) Press mud (3.70% on cane) : 266.4 TPD
7.	Operational Days	Average crushing season of 160 days and maximum up to 180 days
8.	Water Requirement and source	339 m ³ /day Pravara Left bank canal with permission for 20.67 lakh cubic meter per annum.
9.	Fuel	Bagasse Requirement = 54 TPH for 7200 TCD capacity.
10.	Power	Power requirement: 23 KW/hr. Source: 30 MW power plant of Pravara Renewable Energy Ltd., (PREL).
11.	Boiler	Existing boiler of 160 TPH with steam pressure of 110 kg/cm ² will be used.
12.	Air Pollution Control	ESP in place as air pollution control device for existing boiler of 160 TPH which is sufficient; hence, no APC device is proposed for the project.
13.	Stack height and inner diameter	Existing stack of 92 m height and 4 m inner diameter
14.	Manpower	Expansion unit : 40 persons
15.	Project Cost (expansion)	Rs. 1,575 lakh
16.	EMP cost	Rs. 285 lakh.

The Member of the Panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB Nashik, Shri. P.M.Joshi has raised following points such as,- the date of the collection of the JVSs is not mentioned and analysis results shown in the presentation are not incorporated in the EIA report. How can the boiler blow down water be used for irrigation purpose after cooling? To inform the quantity of the water from the boiler blow down activity. In the Consent, the qty. of effluent generation is less than the qty. of water consumption. Further, he read the complaint received from Dadabaheb Kushabapu Pawar, A/P- Tamere, Tal. Rahuri, Dist. Ahmednagar dtd. 25/07/2018, which is addressed to the Member Secretary / Chairman, CPCB & Member Secretary / Chairman, MPCB Mumbai. He directed to SRO MPCB Ahmednagar to attach the copy of the said complaint along with the minutes of the meeting, also, he directed to SRO Ahmednagar to investigate the matter and to submit the ATR. Further, he informed that, the said industry is covered under 17 categories hence, directed to the entrepreneur to install online monitoring system to the ETP and stack so as to comply the directions issued by the CPCB. The General Manager of the said project briefed to the Member of the Panel on the above said points.

Shri. Redasani, Field Officer of Regional Office, Nashik raised following points and requested to rectify such as,- To obtain NOC for the proposed project from the Local Grtampanchayat. To rectify the distance of National Highway No. 222 approx. 2.0 km., (Kalyan-Ahmednagar-Tisgaon) shown in the presentation and in the report. In the Environment Management Plan, ETP is shown for air environment management. During Disaster Management electricity resistance system will be provided.

Proceeding of public hearing (Proceedings) :

Sr. No.	Questions / queries raised by local residents during the said hearing	Answer / reply given by the project proponent
1.	Shri. Dilip Gorakshanath Kadu, r/o. Tisgaon has raised a point regarding adverse impact of polluted water on agriculture to be generated from the proposed activity.	Shri. A. R. Tabe, General Manager of M/s. M/s. Padmashri. Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., A/P-Pravaranagar, Tal. Rahata, Dist. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, has
2.	Shri. Bapusaheb Laxman Gavade, r/o. Hanumantnagar has raised a point regarding question of water is to be arises from the proposed activity.	informed that, modern machinery will be installed for the treatment of effluent generated from the process and treated water will be used for irrigation purpose. The recycling provision will be followed and demand of water from outside will be zero.
3.	Shri. Laxman Karbhari Vyawahare, r/o. Songaon Sakhali raised a point regarding employment generation and benefits to the farmers.	Shri. A. R. Tabe, General Manager of M/s. Padmashri. Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., informed that, about 40 no. of employment will be generated and farmers will also be benefited.
4.	Shri. Madhukar Changdeo Ghogare r/o. Loni (kh) informed that, he is sugar cane producer farmer, due to expansion of the project, sugar cane will be harvested & send to the sugar factory 02 months earlier which will save the weight loss of sugar cane and due to which loss will be avoided and farmers will be ultimately benefited and due to	Shri. A. R. Tabe, General Manager of M/s. Padmashri. Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., informed that, the losses will be incurred from the proposed project. The question of farmers waiting for sugar cane harvesting for 02 months will be solves and sugar cane will be harvested in-time.


	increase of % of sugar cane juice per ton, industry will be benefitted.	
5.	Shri. Dnyandeo Bhawant Ahire, r/o. Loni (kh) informed that, the production cost of expenditure per ton of the factory will be reduced and due to which good salary will be given to the labour and within stipulated time / period and will also help to give good rate to the sugar cane of the farmers and thereby Members and Labours will be benefitted.	
6.	Shri. Sakharam Dukare, r/o. Satrav Songaon, raised a point regarding increase of air pollution due to proposed project.	Shri. A. R. Tabe, General Manager of M/s. Padmashri. Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., informed that, air pollution problem is very meagre in the sugar factories.
7.	Shri. Ashok Gholap r/o. Parthree raised a point that, the effluent generated from this project will cause any water pollution issue?	Shri. A. R. Tabe, General Manager of M/s. Padmashri. Dr. Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., informed that, he has already replied earlier on this point. Further, he informed that, modern machinery will be installed for the treatment of effluent generated from the process and treated water will be used for irrigation purpose. The recycling provision will be followed and demand of water from outside will be zero.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel asked anybody would like to raise any query if any? But nobody has raised any query / point, then he thank the people for their active participation in the said public hearing, the entrepreneur and the representatives of the factory for giving proper presentation about the proposed project. He gave his best wishes for the proposed project and declared that the public hearing is concluded.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



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(P.M. Joshi)
Member & Regional Officer,



(Prashant Patil)
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