

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED LPG BOTTLING PLANT, (RECEIPT OF GAS BY PIPELINE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LPG BY TANK/LORRIES (Capacity 3 x 1450 MT) PHASE-I & II EACH) AT VILLAGE-PARDE, TAL-KHALAPUR, AND VILLAGE – DAPIVALI, TAL-PANVEL, POST-RASAYANI, DISTRICT – RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED, A GOVT. OF INDIA UNDERTAKING (MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS)

An Environmental Public Hearing for proposed LPG Bottling Plant, (Receipt of Gas By Pipeline And Distribution of LPG By Tank/Lorries (Capacity 3 x 1450 MT) Phase-I & II each) at Village-Parde, Tal-Khalapur and Village – Dapivali, Tal-Panvel, Post-Rasayani, District-Raigad, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., A Govt. of India Undertaking was conducted on 4th January, 2019 at 11.30 hrs at Rasrang Building Conference Hall, HOC Colony, Rasayani, Dist-Raigad.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No.E-119 of 2018 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -4811, dated 17-12-2018:-

- 1) Shri Kiran Panbude, - **Chairman,**
Additional District Magistrate,
Raigad
- 2) Shri J. S. Salunkhe, - **Member**
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Raigad
- 3) Shri Sachin Adkar - **Convener**
Sub Regional Officer,
Raigad-I, MPCB

The proceedings for public hearing were commenced.

At that time, some section of local people were standing outside the hall and were raising slogans against the proposed project and demanding cancellation of public hearing meeting.

Shri. Sameer Khane of Rasayani Prakaalpgrast Shetkari Vikas Samajik Santha, Dist. Raigad came in the hall and inform the Public Hearing Committee that the issues of land acquisition and its compensation are pending. There are also disputes regarding land acquisition rates. Secondly, the Project Proponent has not declared on which survey number the project will be developed. There is no prior intimation about the land acquisition. Hence, it is requested that the Public Hearing Committee should come and take the representation from the local people who are opposing the project and demanding for cancellation of the public hearing.

The Public Hearing Committee discussed the issue in between and accepted the representations of the locals.

Shri Kashinath Kamble, Representative of Rasayani Sangarash Samiti Prakaalpgrast Shetkari Sangathana informed that eight villages will be affected due to this project, hence, Speaker of Zilla Parishad, Raigad, representative of all eight villages met Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Hon'ble Chief Minister has given directives to carry survey of the area. Some local residents have also filed a petition in the Mumbai High Court regarding acquisition of land. The matter is sub-judice. Even then the Administration is not considering the sentiments of local people and pressing hard for conducting the public hearing. The local people are demanding that this public hearing meeting should be cancelled. The Public Hearing Committee informed that the representations are accepted and feelings of the local people will be communicated to the Government.

The Public Hearing Committee proceeded with further procedure of Public Hearing.

Shri Sachin Adkar, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, MPCB with the permission of Chairman of the Committee

welcomed all and informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, Gol) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. MPCB has received proposal for proposed LPG Bottling Plant by Project Proponent M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., a Govt. of India Undertaking (MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS). Hence, today's hearing is organized & requested. Project Proponent to commence presentation for the proposed project.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the company gave the detailed presentation of the proposed project from Environmental angle, enumerating safety measures & employment to the locals.

FOLLOWINGS HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND ANSWER GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT /PROJECT CONSULTANT / PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE :-

- 1. Shri Dattatraya T. Devale, Environmental Club of Inuda and President, Retired Officers' & Employees' MPCB Welfare Association :-**

Sr. No.	Issue/Question Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee
1)	It is shown in the Presentation that there are 51 LPG Bottling Plants of the Project Proponent all over the country. In these plants, whether there were any accidental incidences due to which there were financial and mortality/human loss incidences?	Project Proponent informed that in all the plants, strict security directives are followed. In all the plants, International Standard Level security system is installed. Hence there is no major accident represented till the date.
2)	Whether Project Proponent has prepared Onsite and Offsite Disaster Management Plan under the guidance of District Collector?	There will be no chemical handling, treatment or any chemical discharge in the plant. The International Standard Level Security System will be installed in the plant and all the standards/parameters will be maintained. As per the directives of

		OISD and PEO, the systems will be provided in the plant. This plant will be "ultra – modern "plant. The gas is brought by pipelines only. The security system is mandatory in the plants.
3)	After inception of the plant, whether gas agency will be given to the local people?	The local people will be given priority while allotting the gas agency.

**2) Shri A. S. Fulse, Environmental Club of India
Vice President, Retired Officers' & Employees'
MPCB Welfare Association:-**

Sr. No.	Issue/Question Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee
1)	After commissioning of the plant, how many people will get the job opportunities? Whether management has fixed any ratio of work and job opportunities?	The plant will be ultra-modern, which will be totally automated. Hence direct job opportunities will get to 10-12 persons. But there will be number of

		indirect job opportunities due to this plant i.e. contract for gardening, canteen services at various places.
२	Whether Project Proponent will implement welfare programmes under Corporate Social Responsibility Fund?	Project Proponent is duty-bound to implement welfare programmes under CSR. Hence Project Proponent has nominated Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Chembur, Mumbai for "Need Base Social Assessment." After receipt of the report, the social programmes will be implemented. The shed cover admeasuring 21.0 sq. meter will be repaired at Panvel ITI. Local boys and girls will be given Skill Development Training. The office of the Medical Officer is contacted for extending basic facilities to the patients attending the hospital.

3)Dr. Satyavan S. Kadam, Shri Sai Foundation, Aurangabad, Raigad Office, Navi Mumbai :-

Sr. No.	Issue/Question Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee
1)	Project Proponent has promised that there will increase in indirect job opportunities. But whether Project Proponent has planned any welfare scheme for the people who are under below poverty line?	Project Proponent stated that Govt. of India desires that all the persons staying below poverty line should get the gas connection under Ujwala Scheme. Till now 25 crores people who are under below poverty line have been given gas connection.

4) Shri Satish Suryawanshi, Non-Government Organisation Worker, Pune :-

Sr. No.	Issue/Question Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee
1)	Though Project Proponent promises safety and security, how it will be maintained on the roads when vehicles will ply in the project?	Project Proponent informed that International Standard level safety will be provided in the plant. There is no chemical process in the project. Hence there will not be any discharge of any chemicals. The pipeline gas will be filled in the LPG

		cylinder. The trucks which will transport the LPG cylinders will have to follow transport rules of Hazardous Transportation directives of Government of India.
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5) Shri Vilas Pokale, Member, Environmental Club of India:-

Sr. No.	Issue/Question Raised	Comments/Commitments made by Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee
?	While developing the project, there will be tree cutting directly or indirectly. Whether Project Proponent has prepared plan for replanting the same?	Efforts will be made that each and every tree should be saved. It will be beneficial to project proponent only. The developing and maintaining of green belt is mandatory.

The Public Hearing panel appealed all the participants to raise their doubts, objections or suggestions if any.

At the same time, some sections of people came inside. They were raising slogans against the project and demanding to cancel the public hearing. The security provided by Police Department requested them to raise any issue with calm. The Public Hearing Committee also requested them to come inside and raise their issues & stated that the sentiments of the local people will be conveyed to the Government.

Representatives of the Rasayani Shetkari Prakaalp Sangarsh Samiti informed that local people are of the opinion that they have followed the Law. We have given our Request/Memorandum to the Public Hearing panel. The panel came outside the hall and accepted the same. We thank Public Hearing Committee for it. But as per the request made by the local people, this hearing should be cancelled. The land of local farmers and people have been acquired for many other projects. Here local people are fighting since last five generations. During the meeting with Hon'ble Chief Minister, he has directed District Administration to carry the survey. Also this issue is already sub-judice. Then only also, the Administration is initiating further action and hence local people will not allow the Public Hearing Committee to continue the proceedings of public hearing. The section of people were shouting to stop the meeting proceedings.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee and Additional District Magistrate, Raigad informed that this public hearing meeting is called as per EIA Notification of the Govt. of India. An opportunity is given to local people to raise their issues, suggestions and even objections from environmental angle of the proposed project. The representations received will be part of minutes of hearing which will be submitted along with Final EIA report to Government. He stated that cancelling of the hearing is not in his authority.

Representative of locals informed that the local people have become very sensitive. The Panchayat Samiti at Panvel and Khalapur have already passed the resolution against the inception of the project. Zilla Parishad has also planned to pass the resolution and reject the commissioning of the project. Hence this hearing should be cancelled by following due procedure. If the hearing is continued, the local people feel that the government will take one sided decision. The Notified Forest Area is near the project. Recently, the National Green Tribunal has already passed an Order and given directives that in-between industrial and residential area, there should be buffer zone.

He further said that recently, due to release of obnoxious gasses in one of the units in this area, monkeys and birds have died. Hence there is fear

amongst local people. The Farmers have already registered protests against the commissioning of BPCL project. Unless and until there is no final decision, this hearing should be suspended.

One Retired Professor, Steel Authority of India here opined that BPCL is a Govt. of India Undertaking and why Project Proponent is pressing hard to install the plant here, when there is huge oppose of the local people. The Government has road connectivity and other infrastructure facilities available at different places. It could have commission the plant there. The Project Proponent has not prepared the Off-site Disaster Management Plan.

Representative of Rasayani Prkalpa Grsat Shetkari Sangh stood before the Public Hearing Committee and informed that this struggle is here since last five generations. It is planned to commission the project at Dapivali and Parade village. The Mohopada village is just half kilometre from the proposed plant. But in the EIA report, it is shown as 5.5 k.m. The notified Manikgad Fort and Karnala Wildlife Sanctuary distance is shown purposely more to mislead the Government and public.

He further remarked that the Project Proponent has carried Rapid Survey and prepared Rapid Environment Impact Assessment Report. The Environment Consultant should have carried Comprehensive Survey and could

have prepared Comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment Report. The Environment Consultant of the Project Proponent has prepared false report. They are misleading the Government and the local people. How can public hearing be conducted on false and misleading report? Other sections of local people also started to give slogans that EIA report is false. The Public Hearing Committee directed Project Consultant to give explanation regarding the survey and preparation of EIA report.

The Environment Consultant of the Project Proponent informed that this is Draft EIA Report. The suggestions, objections will be inserted in the report while submitting the Final Report to MoEFCC, Gol. The report will be submitted to Expert Committee of MoEFCC, Gol. The Expert Committee will take further decision regarding the project.

But the concerned group of people raised that the Environment Consultant and Project Proponent are playing with the life of common people. It is also blamed that the Project Consultant has not carried the survey as per Terms of Reference (ToR) granted by MoEFCC, Gol. It is blamed that the distance of various villages from the project shown is totally wrong. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Maharashtra directed to carry the survey. After eight months, still it is not completed. Then how can 10


k.m. radius area can be covered in just three months and EIA report can be prepared? It is blamed here that Project Proponent is not publishing the secret/sensitive part of the project.

The Public Hearing Committee appealed all to submit their objections, suggestions in writing and it will be acknowledged by the concerned local MPCB office. As per the directives of the Public Hearing Committee, all the written objections, suggestions have been given acknowledgement. The list of all objections & suggestions have been annexed hereto as Annex-“A”. All these written objections, suggestions will form part of this report.

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee concluded the meeting.


(Sachin Adkar)

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