

**MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING M/S. SHIVNERI SUGARS  
LIMITED, AT POST – GANESH TEKDI, NHAVI BUDRUK,  
TALUKA – KOREGAON, DIST – SATARA, MAHARASHTRA,  
AFTER TAKEOVER OF JIJAMATA SUGAR & POWER  
INDUSTRIES LIMITED FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF  
SUGARCANE CRUSHING (FROM 800.0 TCD AFTER  
SCRAPPING & ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROJECT OF  
10,000.0 TCD) & NEW CO-GENERATION – 60.0 MW AND  
MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY – 200.0 KILOLITER/DAY  
CAPACITY**

The public hearing of M/s Shivneri Sugars Limited, At Post – Ganesh Tekadi, Nhavi Budruk, Taluka – Koregaon, Dist – Satara, Maharashtra, after takeover of Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries Limited for proposed expansion of Sugarcane Crushing (From 800.0 TCD After Scrapping, Establishment Of New Project of 10,000.0 TCD), Establishment of New Co-Generation Plant – 60 MW and Molasses Based Distillery – 200 KLPD Capacity was conducted on 03<sup>rd</sup> May, 2019 at 11.00 am at the site of the said industry.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No. E- 27 of 2019 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 1534, dated 03-05-2019.:-

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| 1) Shri Sunil Thorve,<br>Addl. Divisional Magistrate, Satara<br>(Representative of District Magistrate,<br>Satara) | - | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) Shri Dilip Khedkar<br>Regional Officer, M.P.C., Board, Pune   |   | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Shri Babasaheb Kukade,-<br>Sub Regional Officer,<br>MPCB, Satara  |   | <b>Convener</b> |

Panel Member and Regional Officer, Pune was unable to attend the public hearing due to important office work. Public Hearing was conducted in presence of Chairman and additional

District Magistrate, Satara and Convener and Sub-Regional officer, Satara.

Shri Babasaheb Kukade, Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Chairman of the public hearing committee, company officials and public who were 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 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara was in receipt of application of Project Proponent M/s Shivneri Sugars Limited, At Post – Ganesh Tekadi, Nhavi Budruk, Taluka – Koregaon, Dist – Satara, Maharashtra, after takeover of Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries Limited for proposed expansion of Sugarcane Crushing (From 800.0 TCD After Scrapping, Establishment Of New Project of 10,000.0 TCD), New Co-Generation Plant – 60 MW and Molasses Based Distillery – 200 KLPD Capacity in the existing unit premises only. The Member, Convener further informed that, the above project is out of MIDC area and as per EIA Notification, 2006, the project for Combined Activities falls under Category 'A' [Sugar Production – Category B 5 (j), Molasses Based Distillery Category 'A' 5 (g), Co-gen Project A 1 (d).

Member, Convener of the meeting further informed that the aim of conducting public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the process, and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The project proponent had submitted online prescribed application alongwith pre-feasibility report to the MoEFCC, GoI for grant of Terms of References (ToR) on 07-09-2018. The application was considered by the MoEFCC, GoI and standard ToRs were issued vide letter dated 12-10-2018 for preparation of EIA/EMP report.

He further informed that as per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in 'Daily Pudhari' in Marathi and national newspaper 'The Indian Express' in English on 03<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019.

Shri Kukade, Member, Convener further informed that a copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment,

Forest & Climate Change, Western Zone Office, Nagpur; District Magistrate Office, Satara; Additional District Magistrate, Satara; Zilla Parishad, Satara; District Industries Centre, Satara; Tahsil Office-Koregaon, Dist, Satara; Grampanchayat offices At Post – Nhavi Budruk, Pimpri, Sap and Velu, Tal- Koregaon, Dist- Satara, at Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune; Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The Member, Convener further informed that objections in writing are received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara against the project and the concerned persons have been informed to attend this meeting. He appealed the participant to raise their suggestion, objection if any for Environment Management Plan of the project. He requested Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to allow to start the proceedings.

Shri Sunil Thorave, Chairman of Public Hearing Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project proponent to explain the details of project ,proposed pollution control plan and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He also appealed general public to raised objection / suggestion if any about the project proposed after their technical presentation.

The Project Environment Consultant appointed by the company has gave the presentation. He informed in detail regarding taking over of the project by new Project Proponent, Expansion of the project, Environment Management Plan of the project, Environmental Monitoring Programme, CREP Guidelines, Ear-marked Corporate Environment Responsibility Fund (CER Fund) by the Project Proponent for future environment plans and job opportunities in the project in detail.

The Public Hearing Committee appealed general public to raise their objection or give suggestion regarding the proposed expansion of the project.

**Details of Questions & Querries raised by the public and answers given by the Project Proponent / Public Hearing Committee/ Environment Consultant of the Project Proponent is summarized as below :-**

**1) Shri Hindurao Tatoba Desai, residing at 385/4, Shaniwar Peth, Karad, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Desai while objecting the project informed that this Public Hearing is conducted for M/s Shivneri Sugars Ltd., At Post-Nhavi Budruk, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara for proposed expansion of sugar production from 800 TCD to 10,000 TCD and new establishment of 60.0 MW Co-generation plant and 200 KLPD Molasses based Distillery. But the project M/s Shivneri Sugars Ltd., is not at all in existence and in operation. Then how the project proponent is asking for expansion of sugar production? While giving presentation in this meeting, it is informed that the IEM granted by the Competent-Authority to previous project proponent i.e M/s Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries has been purchased by new Project Proponent i.e. M/s Shivneri Sugars Ltd., But the previous project i.e. M/s Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries is not in existence and is not operation since 2003-2004, as M/s Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries has not carried the crushing operations since 2003-2004 and not carried out commercial production of sugar and also not produced Ethanol.

He further objected that as per Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and as per Clause 6A of Sugar (Control) Order, 1966, the IEM granted by the Competent-Authority to sugar factory is automatically cancels, if the sugar factory does not carry crushing operations for five years. Then how new project proponent (i.e. Shivneri Sugars Ltd.,) can purchase the IEM from previous project proponent (Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries)? Hence, it can be concluded that the new project proponent is promoting the illegal activities in the name of expansion of the pervious project which is not in existence and operation & thereby misleading the Government and Common People. Hence MPCB should not grant consent to illegal activities and the proceedings of this public hearing should be adjourned.

Here Project Proponent stated that all the statutory permissions of the Central and State Government are obtained. After reviewing the present status only, MoEFCC, Gol has granted ToR and allowed us for public hearing for grant of Environmental Clearance.

He further informed that due to this project, there will be socio-economic development of the region. Local people will get job opportunities.

Shri Desai further remarked that the opinion of Food & Public Distribution Ministry and Consumer Protection Ministry should be sought immediately.

**2) Shri J. B. Pisal, Chief Accounts Officer, M/s Sahyadri Sugar Factory Ltd., Yashawantnagar, Tal-Karad, Dist – Satara :-**

While registering the objections, he informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara has published a public notice in Daily Pudhari, Satara Edition on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2019 to make aware general public that M/s Shivneri Sugars Ltd., At Post -Nhavi Budruk, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara proposes to expand their sugar production capacity from 800.0 TCD to 10,000.0 TCD, Bagasse based Co-Generation Project – 60.0 M.W. and Molasses based distillery-200.0 KLPD. The public were appealed to send their objections, suggestions if any for the project. If M/s Shivneri Sugars Ltd. Project is not in existence and in operation, how it can be called as expansion of the sugar production?

He informed that previous Project Proponent after taking permission has changed the previous name and new name is M/s. Jijamata Sugars & Power Industries Ltd. The previous Project Proponent has not carried sugar crushing and produced sugar from the year 2003-2004 to 2018-2019. He further informed that if any sugar factory does not undertake sugar crushing activities for five years, the IEM granted stands automatically cancelled. He referred the Sugarcane (Control) Order Explanation No.1 under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 as passed by the Govt. of India. He further informed that both the sugar factories i.e. M/s Jijamata Sugars & Power Industries Ltd., and M/s Shivneri Sugars Ltd., are not in existence and in operation.

He further objected that both the industries as per IEM No.2654 dated 18-09-2003 has not carried sugarcane crushing activities and produced sugar and ethanol since 2003-2004. Thus, they have violated the directives u/s 6C of Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966. As both the industries does not have valid IEM, their legal entity is ceased.

He further informed that a written complaint is already lodged at Consumers' Protection, Food & Public Distribution, Mantralaya, Mumbai on 11-04-2019.

Shri Pisal while lodging the objection further informed that the Project Proponent is planning illegal activities under the cover of

expansion of the project. Hence MPCB should not grant Consent to the Project Proponent and this proceeding of the public hearing should be adjourned.

The Director of the Project Proponent replied, that already is question is answered in detail. The project proponent has already completed all the statutory requirements and after reviewing the present status of the project, MoEFCC, Gol has granted the ToR for public hearing. He further appealed all to raise any environmental objections, suggestions regarding the project.

**3) Shri Shankar Kanase, resident of Pimpri, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Kanase suggested that Project Proponent should purchase raw material for production i.e. sugarcane from the local farmers only. Due to promotion of the project, there will be job opportunities. Hence, local people desire the project. But the Project Proponent should also undertake environment protection programme from time to time.

**4) Shri Yuvraj Narayan Ghadge, resident -Pimpri, Taluka-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

The local youths require job opportunities. Hence the project should be commissioned at the earliest.

**5) Shri Shivraj Nikam, Resident-Nhavi Budruk, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Nikam suggested that Project Proponent should give in writing the commitment of implementation of various environment protection programme from time to time. Project Environment Consultant informed that the suggestion, objections raised during the meeting in environmental angle will be included in the minutes of the meeting. It will be submitted alongwith final EIA report to the Expert Committee of MoEFCC, Gol. The Expert Committee after detailed study, grants Environmental Clearance. Project Environment Consultant informed that copy of the Environmental Clearance and copy of half yearly monitoring results can be made available on demand.

**6) Shri Sanjay Gorpade, Resident-Kameri, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Sanjay Ghorpade opined that the objections raised by M/s Sahyadri Sugar Factory against this project are in their business

interest only. It is blamed by the local people that M/s Sahyadri Sugar Factory do exploit the local farmers. For the socio-economic development of the area, the project is essential, hence project should be completed. But project proponent should also keep commitment regarding environment protection and project should run for socio-economic development.

He informed that most of the local agriculturists are attending this meeting. He wished success for the project.

**7) Shri Vilas Pawar, Pimpri, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Vilas Pawar asked Project Proponent regarding quantity of generation of waste water and whether ground water will be deteriorated due to mixing of waste water from the factory. He further asked about quantity of requirement of raw water for boiler and expressed fear that there will scarcity of water.

Project Environment Consultant informed that the waste water which will be generated during the production process will be treated and recycled in the process. Rest of treated waste water will be used in the factory premises for green belt development only. There will not be discharge of single drop of treated water outside the factory premises and thereby ground water will not be deteriorated. The project is Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) project.

**8) Shri Dhanaji Amale, Resident – At Post -Aundh, Tal-Khatav, Dist-Satara –**

While objecting the project he remarked that due to waste water generation from the factory, there will be water pollution in the area. The well water and groundwater will be polluted. The crops of the nearby agriculture fields will be affected due to bagasse of the factory. As project proponent has planned molasses-based distillery, the people residing near the plant will suffer from smell nuisance problem.

Project Environment Consultant informed that it is mandatory on project proponent to follow all the directives of Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Not a drop of effluent will go outside the factory premises. As per the directives, it is mandatory to install Online Monitoring System and to maintain the quality within the prescribed limit. The most advanced technology i.e. Electro Static Precipitator will be provided to both the boilers separately which gives 99.9% efficiency. Hence the air standards will be maintained. The bagasse will be sent through

closed conveyer belt to co-gen plant. Hence, crops in the surrounding area will not be affected due to bagasse.

Project Environment Consultant further informed that Disaster Management Plan is already prepared in the project. Hence, local people should not fear about any mishap.

Further, Project Proponent informed that, fear expressed by some people might be due to their experience in the past of old sugar industry. Now the new modern, sophisticated computerised production technology is available which will be installed in the project. The molasses will be used as raw material in the distillery. Hence there will not be any pollution.

**9) Shri Hemant Mane, Resident of Rahimatpur, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Mane objected that the raw water will require for the production activities, which will be lifted from river. The water is not available to due drought situation and if project proponent lifts the water, there will not be enough water for drinking purposes to local the people. While raising objection, he said that, distillery unit cannot work more than 310 days. Most of the land of the local people have been acquired for the projects. Due to drought situation, there is no availability of water. Hence, the local people should not face any difficulties. The Project Proponent should give commitment in writing.

Project Environment Consultant answered here that water will be lifted as per Water Budgeting from Krishna River with the prior permission of Irrigation Department, Govt. of Maharashtra. The wastewater will be treated and recycled in the process and for gardening. Hence, local people will not face any water scarcity.

Here Project Proponent informed that modern production machineries will be installed. Not a drop of treated effluent will be discharged outside the factory. There is already 65-68% water in the sugarcane. After sugarcane crushing, the bagasse generate from the sugarcane is 28%. The waste water which is generated in the production activities will be treated and recycled in the manufacturing process. For this, the Reverse Osmosis (RO System) system will be installed. The Project Proponent have to follow the strict directives of Central Pollution Control Board and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. Due to this project, the Region will be benefited.



**10) Shri Vilas Pawar, Resident-Pimpri, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Pawar objected that in the presentation, the details of waste water generated from workers' colony is not mentioned. Due to this waste water, there will be health hazard to the workers of the factory. Hence, steps should be adopted to prevent the pollution.

Project Environment Consultant answered that Sewage Treatment Plant of 45.0 M3/day will be built considering sewage generation from factory premises and workers' colony. The treated sewage will be used for the gardening in the factory area.

Shri Babasaheb Kukade, Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee remarked that drawing and details of the Sewage Treatment Plant is not shown in the presentation. The Project Environment Consultant promised, it will be included in the Final EIA report.

**11) Shri Hindurao Tatoba Desai, Resident of 385/4, Shaniwar Peth, Karad, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Desai again objected that as previous Project Proponent (i.e. Jijamata Sugars & Power Industries Ltd.,) has not carried the sugarcane crushing for five years and has carried out commercial sugar production and as they do not have valid IEM, this project is not in operations and it is observed that there is no manufacturing machineries on the site and though the project was not in operation, then how the expansion can be carried out?

The Project Proponent here again appealed to raise the issues of environment only.

**12) Shri Appa Pawar, Resident of Pimpri, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara :-**

Shri Appa Pawar informed that the local people desire the project. Due to this project, the local people will be benefited & get the job opportunities.

The Public Hearing Committee Chairman appealed again the audience raise any objection, suggestion on environmental issues for the project. As there was no response, Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee requested Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to conclude the meeting.

As there was no response, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee while concluding the meeting informed that the

suggestions, objections raised during the meeting by the local people and objections raised by the officers of M/s Sahyadri Co-operative Sugar Factory Ltd., Yashwantnagar, Tal-Karad, Dist-Satara, written objections given in the meeting as well as received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara have been noted and will be included in the minutes of meeting. The minutes of the meeting alongwith Final EIA report will be submitted to Expert Committee of MoEFCC, Gol, New Delhi. The Expert Committee will consider it will take further decision.

Chairman, Public Hearing Committee thanked all local people, project officials and government officials for attending the meeting and declared that the meeting is concluded.

M/s. Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries Ltd has sanctioned for crushing the sugar cane in 2002-2003. But from 2003-2004 sugar factory has stops his crushing.

Meanwhile M/s. Jijamata Sugar & Power Industries Ltd is handover by the M/s. Shivneri Sugars Ltd. As factory is not in working since 2003-04. M/s. Shivneri Sugars Ltd have to apply for starting 800 TCD crushing sugarcane. However, M/s. Shivneri Sugars Ltd. apply for the expansion of sugarcane crushing 10000 TCD capacity. According to this fact, as per Chairman opinion, said Public Hearing is not valid. Also such objections are raised by the other factories as well as farmers at the time of hearing.

The meeting extended thanks to the Chair.

This Public Hearing Meeting was attended by nearby local people.



**(Sunil Thorve)**

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee

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Additional District Magistrate-Satara

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