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To

The Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Mumbai.

Sub:- Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Sugar Plant Expansion from 1250 TCD to 5000 TCD, Co-generation Power Plant 15 MW & 60 KLPD Distillery/Ethanol Plant proposed by M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Village Devnandra, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parbhani, Maharashtra.

Ref:- Environmental Public Hearing conducted on 01/11/2019.

Sir,

With reference to above subject matter, the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Sugar Plant Expansion from 1250 TCD to 5000 TCD, Co-generation Power Plant 15 MW & 60 KLPD Distillery/Ethanol Plant proposed by M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Village Devnandra, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parbhani, Maharashtra.is conducted on 01/11/2019. The Minutes of said Public Hearing (English & Marathi) alongwith all necessary details such as Attendance Sheet, Photographs & Video C.D., copy of draft EIA Report, Executive Summary, etc. are enclosed herewith in triplicate.

Submitted for favour of information and further needful, please.

Yours faithfully,

(J.A. Kadam)

Sub-Regional Officer,

M.P.C. Board, Parbhani

D.A.: As above.

Copy submitted for information to :-

1. The Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad.

Copy to the Project Proponent, M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Village Devnandra, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parbhani, Maharashtra for information.

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED SUGAR PLANT EXPANSION FROM1250 TCD TO 5000 TCD, CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT 15 MW AND 60 KLPD DISTILLERY/ETHANOL PLANT PROPOSED BY M/S. SHREE RENUKA SUGARS LTD., VILLAGE DEVNANDRA, TQ. PATHRI, DIST: PARBHANI, MAHARASHTRA CONDUCTED ON 01/11/2019 AT 04.00 P.M. IN THE PREMISES OF M/S. SHREE RENUKA SUGARS LTD., VILLAGE DEVNANDRA, TQ. PATHRI, DIST: PARBHANI, MAHARASHTRA.

An environmental public hearing in respect of proposed Sugar Plant Expansion from 1250 TCD to 5000 TCD, Co-generation Power Plant 15 MW & 60 KLPD Distillery/Ethanol Plant proposed by M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Village Devnandra, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parbhani, Maharashtra was conducted on 01/11/2019 at 04.00 p.m. in the premises of M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., Village Devnandra, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parbhani, Maharashtra.

Following Panel members were present during the public hearing:

1. Shri Ankush Pinate,

Additional District Magistrate, Parbhani, Dist: Parbhani.

Chairman.

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2. A.D. Mohekar,

Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Aurangabad.

Member.

3. Shri J.A. Kadam,

Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Parbhani.

Convener.

A list of members and public participants present for Public Hearing is annexed herewith. All those present were given welcome by the Convener. Then, Shri J.A. Kadam, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Parbhani and Convener of Environmental Public Hearing Panel with the permission of the Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel started the proceedings of said public hearing and stated that the said public hearing has been organized for the proposed Sugar Plant Expansion from 1250 TCD to 5000 TCD, Co-generation Power Plant 15 MW & 60 KLPD Distillery/Ethanol Plant proposed by M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., At Village Devnandra, Tq. Pathir, Dist: Parbhani. He narrated the procedure to be followed for obtaining Environmental Clearance by explaining the provisions of the MoEFCC, Government of India Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14th September, 2006 and amended Notification No. S.O. 3067 (E) dated 01/12/2009 and Summary of the project right from the date of receipt of application submitted by the Project Proponent for conducting Public Hearing till fresh notice issued by MPCB in the newspapers Daily Sakal (Marathi) and Daily The Times of India (English) dated 29/09/2019. He stated that the proposed Expansion of Sugar Plant from 1250 TCD to 5000 TCD, Co-generation Power Plant 15 MW & 60 KLPD Distillery/Ethanol Plant falls under 5(i) & 5(g) Category of said Notification, which requires Environmental Clearance from the

MoEFCC, Government of India, New Delhi, hence it is necessary to conduct the public hearing for said project. He further stated that as per the said Notification, the documents regarding the proposed project were placed at various Government offices, concerned Grampanchayat offices and MPCB offices for study. Then, he requested the Project Proponent to brief the presentation of their proposed project, environmental pollution and the control measures to be taken thereof.

Thereafter, the Project Consultant of said project, Shri Shrikant Kakade from M/s. Mitcon Consultancy & Engineering Services Ltd., Pune started the power point presentation of proposed project including the details of project, environmental pollution, plans, devices and control measures to be taken thereof. As reported earlier by Shri Kadam, he stated that Environmental Clearance is necessary for any industrial project as per the EIA Notification, 2006 (as amended) issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India. It is the purpose of Environment Impact Assessment Study to assess the adverse impact during the planning stage so as to prevent the probable adverse impact due to the project or to provide necessary control measures during the starting period and with effective system from the expenditure point of view and to know the desire/support of the people regarding the proposed project, effective control measures for social as well as environmental protection activities is the main purpose of public hearing. He stated that M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd. started the sugar production in the year 2008-2009 having 1250 TCD capacity and earlier the existing unit was being operated by M/s. Godavari Dudhana S.S.K Ltd. The existing unit of M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd. has proposed the Expansion of Sugar Plant from 1250 TCD to 5000 TCD, Cogeneration Power Plant 15 MW and 60 KLPD Distillery/Ethanol Plant. The molasses will be provided to the distillery plant by the sugar factory whereas the Co-generation, Boiler and Turbine will provide steam and electricity to the sugar and distillery plants and the proposed 60 KLPD Distillery will involve Fermentation, Multi-Pressure Distillation, Biodigester, Evaporation and Bio-composting. He showed the google map showing the proposed project site and layout.

He briefed about salient features and environmental information of the proposed project and stated that theproduction capacity will be as Sugar – 520 TPD, Bagasse – 1400 TPD, Press Mud – 200 TPD, Molasses – 275 TPD and B Molasses – 325 TPD and the working days will be as Sugar Factory during Crushing Season – 160 days, Co-generation-160 – 190 days & Distillery – 270 days. The Molasses requirement for the said project will be 240 TPD, Grain – 160 TPD and Sugarcane Juice during the season will be 1000 TPD. The requirement of water for the said project will be as Sugar Factory – 300 CMD, Molasses & Sugarcane Juice Based Distillery – 475 CMD or Grain Based Distillery – 661 CMD and the source of water is river Godavari. Total land available with the sugar factory is 70.96 ha., which includes 3.8 ha. for Sugar Factory, 8.0 ha. for Distillery Area and 3.5 ha. fFor Co-generation Plant. The sugar factory is having existing boiler of 40 TPH capacity and they have proposed a new boiler of 100 TPH capacity, Turbine Generator will be of 15 MW capacity. The existing D.G. Set is of 500 KVA capacity and the new proposed D.G. Set will be of 1000 KVA and the fuel required will be Bagasse – 1150 TPD, Coal – 745 TPD and Biogas – 979 m³/hr. The steam required will be 22 TPH for Sugar Factory, 15 TPH for Distillery and 3 TPH for Boiler De-aerator.

He stated that total effluent from sugar factory will be 430 CMD, which will be treated in effluent treatment plant and after treatment it will be recycled in the process. The effluent generation from the Molasses Based Distillery will be 1190 CMD or from Grain Based Distillery

it will be 1040 CMD, Slope Spent Lees, Condensate. For the treatment of spent wash, biogas followed by multi effect evaporator and bio-composting is proposed and whenever the distillery will be on Grain Based, the effluent generated will be formed into DDGS which will be sold as nutritious and proteins containing animal feed. The existing bagasse ash generation is 4.2 TPD and from the proposed project, its generation will be 15.7 TPD and as it contains potassium, it will be used as manure and the sludge generated from effluent treatment plant will be used in composting process. He stated that for control of air pollution, they have proposed a boiler of 100 TPH capacity which will be provided Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) and with stack height of 65 mtr. in the proposed project and the existing boiler is of 40 TPH capacity with stack height of 33 mtr., which is provided with wet scrubber as air pollution control system. He stated that existing manpower at the sugar factory is as Skilled – 80 and Unskilled – 400 and for the proposed project, the required manpower will be as Skilled – 100 and Unskilled – 150. The project cost is Rs. 227.71 Cr. and total capital cost towards Environment Management is Rs. 24.46 Cr. He stated that the processes operated in the proposed project will be Sugar Factory, Molasses Based Distillery or Grain Based Distillery and Co-generation Power Plant.

Shri Kakade further briefed about the detailed study of environment and stated that they have carried out the study within the area of 10 km. radius of the project site which includes Air Quality, Water Quality (Groundwater and Surface Water), Soil Quality, Noise Level, Biological Environment, Socio-Economic Environment and Land Use Pattern. The Latitude & Longitude is 19°16'9.54" N ^ 76°26'15.19' Topo Sheet No. 56A/7, 56 A/8, 56 A/12 & 56 A/43,E, the nearest Indian Climate Centre - Parbhani, Villages within the area of 10 km. radius 0 24, the Nearest village - Deonandra at a distance of 1 km. towards East Direction, the nearest Town - Pathri at a distance of 0.7 km., the nearest - NH-222 Ambad-Manvat Road, the nearest Railway Station -Parbhani & Manvat, the nearest Airport - Shri Guru Govind Sinh at a distance of 95 km., there is no any reserved forest or sensitive area within the 10 km. radius of the project area, the nearest river - Godavari at a distance of 8.2 km., Average Annual Rainfall - 962.8 mm., Temperature -44.3°C (max.) and 9.6°C (min.) & Humidity – 24.83%. He showed the topo sheet map showing the study area within the 10 km. radius, names of locations in study area for air quality, water quality, soil quality, noise level and photographs taken during the study. He stated that they have taken satellite picture of the study area and observed the land use pattern in the area is as Agriculture Land - 94.80%, Human Habitation - 3.06%, Scrub Land - 1.46% and Water Bodies -0.68%.

He briefed about the Summary of Environmental Monitoring and stated that they have carried out Air Quality Monitoring at 10 various locations and observed the concentration of various parameters as PM₁₀ – 35.4 – 55.8 μg/m³, PM_{2,5}– 15.2 – 22.2 μg/m³, SO₂ – 6.0 – 14.5 μg/m³ and Nox - 8.2 – 20.7 μg/m³, which is within the limit of norms prescribed by Central Pollution Control Board. They have taken the water samples at 11 locations (Surface Water – 3 & Groundwater – 8) and observed that except E-coli, all the parameters are within the prescribed standards. Soil quality is monitored at 8 locations and observed that the soil in the area is black to brownish and it is good for agriculture purpose. Noise level is studied at 9 locations and observed during day time – 44.3 - 55.2 d(B)A and during night time – 32.2 - 47.5 d(B)A, which is within the prescribed limit. During the biological study, they have observed the plant species like *Babhul, Limb, Tarwad, Kashid, Tamrashimbi*, Banyan, *Pimpal* and birds like *Veda Raghu, Khatik, Masina, Brahmni Maina*, Parrot, etc. in the area. During the study of socio-economic

condition, they observed that cleanliness infrastructure is unsatisfactory, however, electricity supply, water supply, primary health centre, etc. are available at almost all the villages in the area

He further briefed about the anticipated impact and stated that after commissioning of proposed project, there will be impact on air environment, water environment, solid waste, biological environment, social environment and noise environment. There will be impact of air pollution on plants, animals, soil etc. in the surrounding area, however after commissioning of said project, the increase in air pollution will be negligible. It is expected that there will be impact on surface water quality, groundwater quality, plants, animals, heath of people, etc. in the area due to effluent discharge, solid waste, etc. Hence, he stated that care will be taken so as not to discharge any effluent outside the factory premises, green belt will be developed in the factory premises as well as in the surrounding area.

He briefed about the Environment Management Plan and stated that for control of Air Pollution, ESP of 99.99% efficiency will be provided, all the processes will be carried out in closed condition, all the D.G. Sets will be operated only when needed, boiler and D.G. Sets will be provided with sufficient height of stacks. For Waste Water Management, the proposed distillery will be based on Zero Liquid Discharge technology, the effluent generated from the sugar factory will be treated in ETP and the treated effluent will be used for the development of green belt in the factory premises, the total spent wash generation will be 600 cu.m. for which biogas followed by multi effect evaporator and bio-composting will be provided and whenever the distillery will be on Grain Based, the effluent generated will be formed into DDGS which will be sold as nutritious and proteins containing animal feed and online air emission and effluent monitoring system will be installed. For control of Noise Pollution, all the processes will be carried out in closed place, acoustic enclosures will be provided to D.G. Sets, Green Belt will be developed in the factory premises due to which it will help to control the noise pollution. For control of Odour, good operational practice and management will be carried out, temperature will be controlled during the fermentation process so as to avoid non-functioning of yeast and bio chemicals will be used to control of bacteria to be developed in gutter. As far as Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste is concerned, he stated that the ash generated due to burning of bagasse contains potassium, hence it will be used as manure and the press mud and yeast will be used for making the compost, the waste oil generation will be very less and it will be used as a fuel for boiler and the sludge from CPU and the solid waste non-hazardous in nature, will be used as manure. The transport vehicles will be provided with cover so as to control fugitive emission and good transport management system will be developed and implemented. Tree Plantation will be carried out as per the norms specified by the Central Pollution Control Board and total Green Belt will be developed on 23.5 acres of land (33%). Provision of Rs. 3.41 Cr. (1.5% of total project cost) will be made during the coming three years under the Social Corporate Responsibility (CSR). As far as Occupational Health and Safety is concerned, he stated that health check of the workers will be carried out by the factory from time to time, all the safety rules will be implemented during the operation phase of factory, workshop of all the safety rules will be taken from time to time and the employees will be provided with Personal Protective Equipments.

He stated that the factory has made the provision of Rs. 3.40 Cr. for providing various infrastructures in the villages in surrounding area like LED/Solar Lights, Catchment Area

Development, Water Filter, Tree Plantation, Drinking Water Facility, etc. for the Socio-economic Welfare Plan under the Social Environment Responsibility (CSR)

Lastly, he stated that the factory has made the provision of Rs. 24.15 Cr. as a capital cost and Rs. 6.21 Cr. as a recurring expenditure per year towards Environment Management which includes Air Pollution Control, Sugar ETP, MEE, Bio-composting, Solid Waste Management, Environment Monitoring and Management, Rain Water Harvesting, Occupational Health and Green Belt Development and then, he concluded the power point presentation of the proposed project.

Thereafter, **Shri J.A. Kadam**, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Parbhani & Convener of Public Hearing Panel stated that on behalf of the Project Proponent, the Project Consultant has given the presentation about the proposed project and the details of pollution control measures to be taken thereof and then, he requested the public participants that if anybody is having any question, suggestion, objection, etc. about the said proposed project, related with environment only, they may ask the same by introducing themselves.

Prior to express the questions, suggestion, objection, etc. by the public participants, **Shri Ankush Pinate**, the ADM, Parbhani & Chairman of said Public Hearing Panel stated that M/s. Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd. has proposed the expansion of existing sugar factory and taken two new projects, i.e. Distillery and Co-generation Power Plant and it is responsibility of respective industry to protect the environment while taking the projects in hand, the guidelines to be implemented for the protection of environment have been briefed by the factory officials through presentation. He pointed out that if anybody is having any doubt, objections, etc. regarding the said project, same may be recorded here, which are to be discussed and finalized because most of the times, it is seen that the complaints arise after commissioning of the factory. The responsibility of environment protection will be taken by the factory and it will be monitored by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nowadays, all the systems are become online due to which it can be seen by sitting in the office whether the norms are being followed or not. Hence, he requested the public participants that if anybody is having any doubt, objection, etc., same may be expressed clearly and same shall be related with environment only.

During the course of public hearing, the panel members and public participants raised certain questions related to the said project and same are answered by the Project Consultant/Project Proponent, which are as below:

1. Shri Angad Tulshiram Khedekar, a resident of nearby area asked about the control measures to be taken for the boiler ash spreading in the surrounding area. Dr. Hemangi Nalavade, the Project Consultant clarified that the said project is proposed and for control of air pollution, they will install Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) based on the advance technology and the efficiency of the same will be 99.99%, the height of stack will be of 65 mtr. Before commissioning of said project, so there will be no pollution problem due to the proposed. Shri Pinate asked to clarify the question, whether the question is for boiler of existing sugar factory or proposed project, upon which Shri Khedekar clarified that his question is for boiler of existing sugar factory. Dr. Hemangi reported that the capacity of existing sugar factory is small and the boiler is provided with wet scrubber,

however, they will provide advanced technology in the proposed project. Shri Pinate stated that it is okay, the MPCB officials will monitor the existing project and whatever the non-compliance noticed will be get rectified from the company management and as reported that advance technology will be provided at the proposed project, hence the permission will be given only after ensuring the same.

- 2. Shri Siddhesh Datare, a resident of village- Banegaon, Dist: Parbhani asked about the treatment facility to be provided for the control of spent wash to be generated from the distillery. Dr. Hemangi stated that the volume of spent wash to be generated from the distillery will be reduced by 70% through biogas followed by Multi Effect Evaporator (MEE) and after that the remaining spent wash will be converted into biocomposting due to which there will be Zero Liquid Discharge from the said plant.
- 3. Shri Nitin Shinde, a resident of nearby village Deonandra, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parbhani congratulated the company management as they are going to increase the sugar plant upto 5000 TCD and also proposed the Co-generation and distillery plant. He stated that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has organized a meeting here and people are requested to express their problems, objections, etc. and pointed out that there are human habitations in the surrounding area of existing sugar factory and the people in the said area are suffering from the black ash/carbon black (kajali) generated from the said factory for which the company has not taken any action and further, the company management had told to increase the height of stack of the factory, but the height of the stack is also not increased. He further stated that assurances are given prior to commission of the project, but after commissioning of the project, the factory management does not response to anybody in the area, even no any action is taken on the application given by them. He stated that as reported earlier about to keep control on the pollution by the society appointed by the factory, likewise it is also the responsibility of the people in the area and the factory management shall also take the cognizance of complaint of the villagers. As reported by the Project Consultant, Green Belt will be developed in the proposed project and certain norms are prescribed regarding water pollution. However, the water in the surrounding area is found contaminated, which is due to the polluted water of the existing sugar factory, hence he suggested that necessary control measures shall have to be taken by the factory for the same. He stated that to increase the capacity of the factory is joyful thing for all the villagers and farmers in the area, but he requested that the funds reserved for those aspects shall be spent for those aspects only. He also requested that the company shall give attention towards the complaints, objections, etc. to be raised by the villagers not only today but in future also, The Project Proponent clarified that definitely the black ash/carbon black spreads in the surrounding area because the technology provided is 40 years old, i.e boiler, boiler capacity and stack height are of 40 years old and now factory will take effort to improve the same as reported by Dr. Hemangi and also efforts will be taken by the factory to reduce the pollution by adopting new technology, earlier they have tried for the new technology, but due to some technical problems, the said project was stopped. Regarding water, he stated that proper planning will be done so as to receive the water to ETP in less quantity and it will be treated in ETP and recycled as reported by Dr. Hemangi. As far as green belt is concerned, he stated that they have planted 600 Nos. of mango trees in the factory

adjacent to the gate during the current year and also planted 400 Nos. of various types of trees like Neem, Pimpal, Vad, etc, in the factory premises and the funds reserved will be spent as per the scheme.

4. Shri A.D. Mohekar, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad and Panel Member stated that the proposed distillery is of 60 KLPD and for composting huge quantity of spent wash will be stored due to which there will be the possibility of smell nuisance to the human habitation in the surrounding. Hence he feel that the Project Proponent shall examine whether the said location is proper or not for the proposed distillery and hence location of distillery should be changed atleast 2 km. away from Pathri Nagarpalika residential area. Dr. Hemangi stated that definitely care will be taken for the same and proper management will be done for the composting and spent wash, the composting yard will be kept away from habitation at a distance of 6 to 7 km. in the own land of factory, spent wash will be sent for composting immediately, efforts will be taken to reduce the smell nuisance and the company is bound for the same. She stated that the company has started the process to improve treatment, more trees are planted during the last season and the company has also proposed to provide a green belt of 6 mtr. wide along the periphery of the factory and she felt that due to proper management the said factory will be succeed. Shri Mohekar stated that in Aurangabad, distillery is located at a distance of about 10 to 12 km., but still the smell nuisance problem is not solved and it is the fact that today no any chemical or technology is available to control the smell nuisance. Dr. Hemangi said, yes, it is right that when the molasses and spent wash is stored at one place, it causes smell, but if the spent wash is sent for composting immediately with proper management and if the composting is done in closed system, the smell nuisance will be minimized and efforts will be taken for the same. Shri J.A. Kadam, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Parbhani and Convener of Public Hearing asked that instead of bio-composting why the new technology like incineration, etc. is not adopting to control the smell nuisance? The PP reported that definitely, and whatever the efforts required will be taken and advance technology will be adopted to control the smell nuisance.

Shri Kadam again requested the public participants that still if anybody is having any views, same may be expressed.

- 5. **Shri Datta Atmaram Mane**, a resident of Gopegaon asked whether good trees will be planted by cleaning the bushes, etc. in the factory area. The Factory representative reported that said work is in progress and new trees will be planted as per the programme prepared by them.
- 6. **Shri Shivajirao Ingle,** a resident of village Borgavan, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parhani asked about the sugarcane of the farmers in the area and who will be responsible for the same. The PP stated that the company has appointed Manager/Officers at their factory which carry the total management of sugarcane and any problem of the farmers will be solved by the Agriculture Officer of the company and no problem will be arise to the farmers. Shri Ingle further requested to clarify regarding the rates to their sugarcane, upon which the PP clarified that the rates of the sugarcane are as per the MRP and the MRP of every

sugar factory may be different. The PP requested to express the suggestions related with environment only.

- 7. **Shri Tejas Shelke**, a resident of village Deonandra, Tq. Pathri, Dist: Parbhani asked about the planning to be done for the water required to the proposed 5000 TCD sugar plant. Dr. Hemangi reported that maximum water from the sugar plant will be reused and permission will be taken for use of remaining fresh water from river Godavri.
- 8. Shri Dadasaheb Tengse, Member of Z.P. stated that the said meeting is related with environment, but most of the farmers expected that they will get something like proper rates towards their sugarcane, hence farmers are come here. He congratulates the management of M/s. Shree Renuka Sugar Ltd. For proposing the expansion of Sugar Plant, Co-generation Power Plant and Distillery Plant As a citizen of village, he stated that the management shall consider the villages in the surrounding area, the proposed plant will be of 5000 TCD which is good for the farmers as there is good rain during the current year, Jaikwadi dam is also filled upto 100% due to which there will be no deficiency of sugarcane atleast for two years and excess sugarcane will be there. He stated that earlier the said factory was operated on co-operative basis and then it is operated on private basis due to which there are some binding, the condition of the farmers was become very bad because due to deficiency of sugarcane at other sugar factories, some sugarcane from their area was given to outside sugar factories. During the last four to five years, there was draught in the area, but now, the factory has proposed 5000 TCD sugar plant and the farmers have not any alternative than the sugarcane and therefore definitely there will be good days to the farmers and due to the 5000 TCD capacity of sugar factory, compost will be produced, electricity will be generated, which is good things. He stated that he resides nearto the factory and also there is human habitation having the population of about 20000 to 25000 in the surrounding area, which shall be considered as reported by the MPCB officials, measures shall have to be taken by the factory management for control of air and water pollution in the area. As reported earlier by Shri Ingle, Shri Tengse requested to decide proper rates for the sugarcane by the factory management and the problems of outstanding payment of the factory workers.
- 9. **Shri ManikTaynad**, a resident of nearby village Borgavan, Tq. Pathri, Dist:Parbhani stated that it is okay that the factory has proposed the expansion of Sugar Plant, Cogeneration Power Plant and Distillery Plant, but the factory does not provide infrastructures like toilet, proper road, street lights, proper approach road to the school for the company workers as well as villagers in the surrounding area, hence he requested the administration to give attention to such things. The PP reported that the said work is in progress, but due to continuous rain from last one month the work is stopped and JCB is not operated during rain, however, it will be completed as early as possible.

Shri Ankush Pinate, the ADM, Parbhani and Chairman of Public Hearing Panel stated that the farmers have expressed good suggestions, Here there are two parts, i.e. one existing sugar factory regarding which complaints are there. He stated that it is the responsibility of the factory so as not to affect health either of company worker or people in the area. The MPCB officers will verify the compliances of terms and conditions imposed on existing factory. if the

factory does not comply with the terms and conditions, the MPCB issues notice to the existing factory for non-compliance. As far as expansion is concerned, he stated that there is good response from the farmers for the same, but it is necessary to take care for the health of the people in the surrounding area. He further stated that there are also two parts in the expansion, i.e. Distillery, Sugar Expansion & Co-generation, but no oppose is observed for the Sugar Expansion and Co-generation because all the farmers desires for the expansion. He suggested to check whether the existing sugar factory has installed the online monitoring system or not and stated that it is expected to give permission for the proposed project after verifying all these things. As reported by Shri Mohekar, he stated that the issue of smell is important things and suggested to follow all the rules for the same and it is expected to plant the project as per the MPCB norms. He suggested the company management that whatever the complaint, difficulties of the people would be there, same shall be solved at company level within fifteen days or a month and it is agreed by the Project Proponent. He stated that the issues raised by the people are recorded and further decision will be taken only after verifying the suggestions given by the people and the proposal submitted by the Project Proponent and then he given vote of thanks to the public participants. Shri J.A. Kadam stated that a report of the environmental public hearing will be prepared and submitted to the Environment Department for taking further decision regarding environmental clearance and then he concluded the Environmental Public Hearing of proposed project with a vote of thanks to all the public participants.

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(A.D. Mohekar)
Member.

(J.A. Kadam)

Chairman.

Convener.