

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EXISTING SUGAR FACTORY FROM 4500 TCD TO 7500 TCD, CO-GENERATION FROM 14.5 MW TO 40 MW & PROPOSED NEW MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY OF 100 KLPD PROPOSED BY M/S. TWENTY ONE SUGARS LTD., KASARKHEDA ROAD, Vill. MALWATI, TAL. & DIST. LATUR, MAHARASHTRA CONDUCTED ON 18/12/2019 AT 11.00 A.M. AT M/S. TWENTY ONE SUGARS LTD., KASARKHEDA ROAD, Vill. MALWATI, LATUR, MAHARASHTRA.

An environmental public hearing in respect of **Proposed Expansion of existing Sugar Factory from 4500 TCD to 7500 TCD, Co-generation from 14.5 MW to 40 MW & Proposed New Molasses Based Distillery of 100 KLPD** capacity proposed by M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd., Kasarkheda Road, vill. Malwati, Tal. & Dist. Latur, Maharashtra was conducted on 18/12/2019 at 11.00 a.m. at M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd., Kasarkheda Road, vill. Malwati, Tal. & Dist. Latur Maharashtra.

Following Panel members were present during the public hearing :

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| 1. | Shri G. Sreekanth,
District Magistrate, Latur,
Dist: Latur. | Chairman. |
| 2. | Shri Rajendra A. Rajput,
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Aurangabad. | Member. |
| 3. | Shri V.P. Shelke,
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Latur. | Convener. |

A list of members and public participants present for Public Hearing is annexed herewith. All those present were given welcome by **Shri V.P. Shelke**, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Latur & Convener of Environmental Public Hearing Panel and started the proceedings of said public hearing with the permission of the Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel. He stated that the said Environmental Public Hearing has been organized for the **Proposed Expansion of Existing Sugar Factory from 4500 TCD to 7500 TCD, Co-generation Plant from 14.5 MW to 40 MW and Proposed New Molasses Based Distillery of 100 KLPD** capacity proposed by M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd., Kasarkheda Road, vill. Malwati, Tal. & Dist. Latur. Then, he narrated the procedure to be followed for obtaining environmental clearance by explaining the provisions of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi (MoEFCC) 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 proposed project right from the date of receipt of application along with Environment Impact Assessment Report submitted by the Project Proponent through their Environmental Consultant, M/s. sd engineering

services pvt. ltd., Aurangabad (NABL Accredited) for conducting Environmental Public Hearing till fresh notice issued by MPCB in the newspapers Daily Lokmat Times (English) and Daily Sakal (Marathi) dated 14/11/2019. He stated that the **Expansion of existing Sugar Factory from 4500 TCD to 7500 TCD, Co-generation from 14.5 MW to 40 MW & Proposed Molasses Based Distillery Project** falls under **Category-A** of said Notification, which requires Environmental Clearance from Ministry of environment, forest & Climate Change, New Delhi, hence it is necessary to conduct the public hearing for the said project. He further stated that as per the said Notification, the copies of Environment Impact Assessment Report along with Executive Summary of the proposed project in English and Marathi were placed at Collector Office, Latur, Zilha Parishad, Latur, Tehsil Office, Latur, District Industries Centre, Latur, Grampanchayat Office, Malwati and MPCB & other concerned offices etc. for study and people were requested to record objections, doubts, suggestions, if any regarding the said project, but nobody has asked any doubt, etc. till date, however some suggestions from Shri Sunanda Reddy and Shri H. Madhubabu from Hyderabad are received, which he handed over to the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel and Project Consultant and same will be answered by the Project Consultant. He stated that video shooting of this total procedure will be carried out, minutes will be prepared and same will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi for further necessary action about Environmental Clearance. He requested the public participants that if anybody would like to ask their doubts, suggestions, etc. about said project, same may be expressed by telling their name and village name after completion of the technical presentation of said project. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairman of said Public Hearing Panel, he requested the Technical Consultant of said project to brief the presentation of the proposed project.

Then, **Shri Nahush Kawadkar**, the Technical Consultant of the proposed project from M/s. sd engineering services pvt. ltd., Aurangabad started the power point presentation of proposed project including the details of project, environmental pollution, plans, control measures to be taken thereof and stated that the name of the proposed project is M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd. and the site of the same is at Gat No. 75, 76, 77, 78, etc. at Kasarkheda Road vill. Malwati, Tal. & Dist. Latur. The proposed production will be Sugar, Co-generation and Alcohol, which is expansion project, the factory is having its own land of **230671 Sq.m.** He stated that the existing production capacity of the project is as Sugar – **4500 TCD** and Co-generation – **14.5 MW**, proposed expansion production will be as Sugar – **3000 TCD**, Co-generation – **25.5 MW & Distillery – 100 KLPD**, i.e. total production capacity will be as Sugar – **7500 TCD**, Co-generation – **40 MW** and Distillery – **100 KLPD**. He showed the map of project site, which is prepared by using satellite image and toposheet.

He briefed about the sources and availability of process and stated that the total electricity generation will be **40 MW** out of which existing electricity generation is **14.5 MW** and **25.5 MW** of electricity generation is proposed, the electricity required for the factory will be taken from the proposed project and remaining will be sold to MSEDCL. The requirement of water for industrial use will be about **693 CMD** and for domestic use, it will be **55 CMD** and for fulfillment of water requirement, the factory has already obtained permission to lift the water from Khulgapur Dam on river Manjra. The manpower required for administrative and industrial purpose will be **70 nos.** per shift and the workers will be appointed after commissioning of the proposed project. **2 Nos.** of D.G. Sets, i.e. one of **635 KVA** & another of **750 KVA** capacity will

be provided which will be used during power supply failure due to some technical problems. The total cost of the proposed project is Rs. 247.40 Cr., out of which Rs. 81.6 Cr. for environment management and Rs. 2.474 Cr. for CER activities are reserved. The geographical location of the project is as Latitude – 18° 26' 32.08" N, Longitude - 76° 37' 43.52" E and height from sea level – 605 m. The factory is having total land of 230671 sq.m. in which Built up Area – 1092 sq.m, Utility Area – 15256 sq.m, Storage Area – 61835 sq.m. Road Area – 23471 sq.m., Parking Area – 404 sq.m. and Green Belt Development – 76121 sq.m. is included. The factory is having sufficient land for transportation and the factory will make available all the required basic infrastructures.

He further briefed about the environmental study of the area and stated that they have carried out the environmental study within the area of 10 km. radius of project site for various factors like air, noise, ground water, surface water, soil, etc. and observed as below :

Air Environment : They have carried out air quality monitoring at 9 locations in the study area and concentration of various parameters observed was as PM₁₀ - 73.24 µg/m³ (max) at Latur & 38.0 µg/m³ (min) at Mhammadapur, PM_{2.5} - 36.0 µg/m³ (max) at Latur & 9.55 µg/m³ (min) at Sarola, SO₂ – 11.41 µg/m³ (max) at Latur & 4.01 µg/m³ (min) at Mhammadapur and CO – 1.65 µg/m³ (max) at Latur & 0.19 µg/m³ (min) at Harwadi. He stated that they have studied about the assessment of air pollutants and its impact with the help of Mathematical Model suggested by the Central Pollution Control Board. The mitigation measures to reduce the impact of air pollution suggested are like PUC certificate is necessary for the raw material and finished products transporting vehicles, to spray water on the road in the area so as to avoid dust emission, to transport the construction material with covered truck/vehicle during construction phase, for control of air pollution, ESP is proposed and the stack attached to the existing boiler is of 75 m. height and the stack to be provided to the proposed boiler will be of 70 m. height.

Noise Environment : They have carried out the noise level monitoring at different 9 places and observed the noise level during day time as 52.6 dB(A) and 42.3 dB(A) at Project site and Mhammadpur respectively and during night time 51.8 dB(A) at Chikathana and 41.3 dB(A) at project site, which is within the norms prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board. He stated that the main sources of noise in the proposed project are pump, compressor, blower of ETP and D.G. Set for which noise barriers/resistance will be provided and Personal Protective Equipments (PPE) will be made available to the workers.

Water Environment : He stated that the river Manjra which is called Manjirahi also falls under the study area, which is a tributary of river Godavari. No any ground water will be used for the proposed project because as reported earlier the total requirement of water will be fulfilled from Khulgapur Dam. He stated that during the study, the ground water samples from 9 places and surface water samples from 6 places were collected. The pH observed in ground water sample was 6.78 to 7.46 and in surface water sample, it was 6.67 to 7.16. The other parameters in all the water samples observed within the limits prescribed by the CPCB/MoEFCC and the ground water quality in the area observed useful for drinking purpose as per the IS 10500 2012. For reducing the impact regarding ground water, effluent treatment plant will be provided for the treatment of effluent to be generated from the factory and after treatment, it will be used for gardening in the factory premises. The spent wash to be generated from distillery will be treated

in MEE & concentrate spent wash will be used as fuel in boiler and care will be taken so as not discharge any effluent outside the premises. Separate treatment facilities will be provided in the proposed project like effluent from Sugar & Co-generation plant, distillery plant and for domestic effluent. He showed the flow diagram showing the water and waste water management of sugar, co-generation and distillery plant and condensate polishing unit.

Geology : During the study, the basaltic lava flows belongs to the Deccan Trap observed in the area and it flows horizontally. As per seismic zone study, the study area falls under **Zone-IV**, where there may be the possibility of earthquake.

Soil : They have collected the soil samples from 9 places in the study area and observed that the soil in the area is dark black coloured cotton, the porosity of the soil observed was in the range of **40 – 50%**. From the analysis of soil sample, it is also observed that the said soil is not polluted due to either effluent or hazardous/solid waste.

Land Use : He stated that they have carried out survey of the land in the study area with the help of satellite image obtained from NRSC and observed the land use classification as Built-up Area – **11.91%**, Crop Land – **51.70%**, Fallow Land – **35.04%**, Water Bodies – **0.27%** and Rivers – **1.09%**.

Socio-economic Study : He stated that they have carried out social survey in 14 villages in the study area and additional information is obtained as per Census, 2011, Government of India. The impact on the socio-economic components will be different due to the different activities of existing as well as proposed project. The main factors of socio-economic components on which there will be the impact are – Population, Education, Employment Generation, Basic Infrastructures, Cleanliness/Public Health and Agriculture Industries. The measures proposed for the socio-economic components are like Road construction and its maintenance will be carried out regularly by the Project Proponent, water sources will be developed by soil and water conservation as well as groundwater recharge, organic farming will be adopted by giving agriculture technology to some villages within the area of 10 km. radius, pollution control system will be provided in the sugar factory and care will be taken so as not cause any impact on the nearby villages and all the environmental rules will be implemented carefully, there will be positive impact on the lifestyle of local people due to employment generation in industrial area because of establishment of sugar and distillery project and preference will be given to local youth, foreign exchange will be generated due to export of productions and therefore in totally, there will be positive impact on the social factors due to the proposed project. He stated that the factory has made a provision of Rs. **2.474 Cr.** under the Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER) as per the Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India; and planning for spending the same will be done on the basis of issues in Public Hearing including the views of the District Collector.

While briefing about the Environmental Monitoring Programme, **Shri Kawadkar** stated that all the environmental factors will be monitored during the construction as well as operational phase of the said project. For air pollution, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ & NO_x will be monitored during the operational phase; water quality, stack emission and noise level in the surrounding area will be monitored at every three months; soil samples will be collected once in a year for soil quality;

solid waste will be analyzed daily; health check up of all the employees will be carried out at the time of appointment as well as after appointment regularly; safety of total project will be monitored at every six month so as not to cause any accident; direct employment as well as opportunity of indirect employment will be generated due to implementation of project, revenue income of the State will be increased due to sugar and alcohol production and infrastructures of market and business establishments as well as cultural and entertainment will be increased.

He further briefed about the Environment Management Plan and stated that for control of pollution, the air, water and other parameters will be analyzed at the pollution control laboratory by M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd., Environment Cell will be formed by the factory for keeping the clean environmental condition in and outside the project area, besides this and the work of environmental monitoring will be given to the other NABL accredited laboratory. He stated that for Environment Management Plan, the recurring expenditure expected is Rs. 816 Lakh per year and the capital investment for the pollution control equipments is Rs. 8160 Lakh.

He stated that after studying, it is observed that there will be no any unexpected impact on the surrounding area due to the proposed project of M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd., direct and indirect employment will be generated due to the said project and the assessment of environmental factors is carried out and necessary control measures are planned. From this, he stated that during environmental assessment, as per constructive note, M/s. sd engineering services pvt. ltd. concludes that it will be ensured by M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd. that there will be no any negative impact during the construction and operational phase of the proposed project and work will be done to increase positive impact and then he concluded the power point presentation of the proposed project. Thereafter, he requested the public participants that if anybody is having any doubt, etc. about the said project, same may be expressed.

During the course of public hearing, the panel member and public participants expressed their views and suggestions, which are as follows :

- (1) **Shri G. Sreekanth**, District Magistrate, Latur and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel stated that as suggested by the Government of India, before establishment of any large factory, public hearing is organized by carrying out the environmental assessment study to know the benefits and losses due to such factories and till date only two suggestions are received and no any complaint is received, advertisement was published in the newspapers Daily Lokmat Times and Daily Sakal so as to know the people regarding said public hearing and accordingly, the people are present here. He stated that while establishing the industry, the presentation is given by studying all the aspects related with such industry like water pollution, air pollution, geological pollution and other pollution, etc. for which he is satisfied. He said that he is satisfied upto some extent because the public participants shall express their objections or complaints, if any regarding the said project and after complete satisfaction about the objections, complaints and after submission of report to the Government, the erection work of said project will be completed and its activities/proceeds will be started.

He stated that especially the Marathwada region and in Marathwada region, the Latur district is already very backward area and in such area one industry establishes and in accordance with that the employment generation and sustainable development of the area due to said industry is an important step. But in such important step, finally, environment is also very important, hence he gave thanks to the Project Consultant who has given the presentation by carrying out complete study. He pointed out that factory has reserved about Rs. 2.5 Cr. for various activities under the Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER), suggestions are received from Hyderabad, but not from the citizens in the area and hence he asked the public participants whether they do not have any suggestion. Then, he read the suggestions received from Shri H. Madhubabu & Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist from Hyderabad and both the suggestions are almost same, which are as - To prepare health status of village people in 10 km. radius area, to prepare crop production details, to provide rain water harvesting system in the factory area instead of taking water from river, to use the treated waste water from ETP for plantation and spraying on the roads so as not to cause dust emission, 33% green belt is good, but to carry out avenue plantation at both the sides of road, to provide skilled education to the local students passed 10th Standards for the purpose of employment in the factory, to organize medical camp every year in the nearby villages, to provide drinking water facility in the area, after commissioning of the project, to use the amount of benefit in the area especially for education, to take care so as not to damage the roads in the area and to form a Co-ordination Committee and to work under the CSR by taking into confidence all the officials of Grampanchayat, etc. He stated that Shri H. Madhubabu given wishes and support for the industry being established in backward area.

Shri G. Sreekanth, District Magistrate, Latur and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel requested the public participants that if anybody is having any suggestion, same may be expressed. He suggested to give preference for sugarcane possibly where there is drip irrigation because there are the scheme of Government of India "More Crop Per Drop" and "Shashwat Sheti Abhiyan" and accordingly subsidy is also given on a large scale for drip irrigation. The people whom take sugarcane crop shall turn to drip irrigation scheme due to which, production will be increased, use of water will be reduced and another crop can also be taken if there will be less rain fall during one of the year. He further stated that in future, if there will be the production of Ethanol, etc. in the said factory, because he observed in his two and half years experience that about one or two years are of drought in the area due to which the area is no in Assured Zone, however rain is there, but there is no any large dam in the area and therefore, if there will be no good rain, the people have to force to go for other crops other than sugarcane because it is experienced that most of the sugar factories close down for non-cultivation of sugarcane, during this year also, some factories will be closed down because of non-availability of sugarcane. Hence he suggested to see that instead of sugarcane, whether other crop or agro based industry can be included in the said project and whether Ethanol or other production can be taken by using such agro based crop because we are slowly moving towards environment friendly things, even fuel also, because it is always seen in the newspapers that sugar is not fulfilling the demand, hence conventional method is required to be stopped and to think unconventionally and it shall also think by the factory management whether other products can be produced instead of sugar and whether sugar

can be produced by using other crops instead of sugarcane in the said project and stated that this will be his request. He further suggested to give preference for drip irrigation, to establish rain water harvesting with a large structure so that the total rain water can be made available at local level, to reuse the treated waste water from ETP as various technologies are available regarding water. He stated that sugar factory will not be operated for 365 days, but it is pleasure if it is operated for 365 days because thousands of people will get employment due to said factory like technical/non-technical labour, technicians, transporters, sugarcane cutting worker, etc. and it is necessary to provide entertainment facility and play ground in the area, hence he insisted to consider these things by the factory management.

He again requested the public participants that if anybody is having any suggestion, same may be expressed.

- (2) **Shri Rajkumar Abasaheb Patil**, a resident of nearby village Malwati, Tq. & Dist: Latur stated that the project like M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd. is being established in the area due to which Golden Era will definitely be there in the said area, it will bring prosperity (samrudhi) in the life of farmers and people in the area. He stated that the issue regarding environment due to factory is old because 3 – 4 factories are operated in their area, but he suggested that efforts shall be taken whether the underground electricity line from Co-generation plant can be provided on the basis of underground electricity line provided at Mumbai, Pune, He stated that one 33 KVA Sub-station has been established in their area which is seen as electricity forest, hence he suggested that if the underground electricity line from Co-generation Plant of the proposed project is provided, there will be no any trouble to the farmers, etc., upon which the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel stated that the suggestion given by Shri Patil will be recorded. **Shri Kawadkar**, reported that maximum electricity from the proposed Co-generation Plant will be taken for use in own project and for remaining electricity, the suggestion given by Shri Patil will be considered.
- (3) **Shri Angad Manikrao Dhage Patil**, a resident of nearby village Khulgapur, Tq. & Dist: Latur stated that he would not like to speak special, but whatever the two experts from Hyderabad have sent is proper and the Hon'ble District Collector guided, which is also very important, but, he feels that while constructing the *Ramsetu*, one of the squirrels felt to put a sand particle in it and participate. He stated that in the year 1999, when Saheb (Late Shri Vilasraoji Deshmukh) became Chief Minister at that time Khulgapur Barrage /dam was constructed and not only the Khulgapur but the farmers in the area also will be benefited due to the said barrage and as reported by the Hon'ble District Collector that after every year or two and half year, they have to face the drought situation in the said area. He further stated that they appear the image/picture of the Saheb in the water of Khulgapur barrage whenever water receives to it; and the said factory (M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd.) is also having some authority on the said water, which is obtained from the Government. He stated that the said factory will be operated only when the farmers are having sugarcane, but if no sugarcane production is observed in one of the year, then how the sugar factory, employees, farmers, etc. will survive and therefore the Saheb has established M/s. Vikas Co-op. Agro Industries in the year 2008 and the purpose of it was

to process maize and other crops in it so as to get benefit to the farmers. He further stated that he is from a very common farmers in rural area and at present Hon'ble Amit Bhayyaji Deshmukh Saheb has appointed him as a Chairman of M/s. Vikas Co-operative Agro Industries. He told that he is a servant of all and continuously serving since 1972 till today, whatever the units have been established by the Saheb in co-operative sector, the officers, farmers are known about the pollution, production, etc. of such units. As reported earlier regarding impact of pollution upto 10 km. he stated that the waste water from Latur Municipal Corporation first receives to Khulgapur, which will be very polluted, hence he suggested that the the Latur Municipal Corporation shall purify the said waste water which is being discharged into river because it needs to animals, human beings as well as birds, but today the need is not fulfilled. He stated that the natural water receives every year is useful, which shall be used by the factory as well as farmers to increase their production. He further stated that the unit of M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd. is for the welfare of all in the area, the activities as per the suggestions received from Hyderabad are performed/being performed. He suggested for the purification of waste water receiving from Latur Municipal Corporation and expected that the life of all shall be *Sujalam Sufalam*. **Shri G. Sreekanth**, District Magistrate, Latur and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel stated that the issue raised by Shri Dhage Patil regarding establishment of M/s. Vikas Co-op. Agro Industries is very important, but it is out of the subject, however, as a Collector he answered that there was already complaint regarding the treatment of sewage from Latur Municipal Corporation entering into Khulgapur dam and at that time he himself alongwith Shri Shelke from MPCB had requested the Government by conducting a meeting regarding said issue and thereafter the Corporation had received the funds of Rs. 140 Cr., but when he was the Commissioner of Latur Municipal Corporation for a period of six months, but due to some other reasons there is no any progress in this regard. He pointed out that recently. first time a Water Council (Pani Parishad) had been organized at Latur district in which the said issue was discussed at length and the water in Khulgapur and in the surrounding area can not be drunk because it pollutes due to sewage from Corporation and accordingly, he has already allotted 4 to 6 acres of land at Bhorwati to the Corporation for providing sewage treatment plant, but why further process is stopped is not known. He also pointed out that earlier day before yesterday, Shri Shelke requested the newly elected Mayor of Latur Municipal Corporation and the Hon'ble MLA to look into the matter and ensure that purified water from Khulgapur will get to the people within a period of one to one and half year and it can be used for agriculture easily. He told that he was afraid whether water will never get to Khulgapur because the Corporation discharges about 4 Cr. Ltrs. of sewage outside the area, i.e. partly towards South side and partly towards North side, but after treatment, near about 1.5 to 2 Cr. Ltrs. of purified water can get to the people in the area and lot of farmers are there who survive on the water from Corporation like vegetable, etc. Hence, he stated that he will insist for using the treated water from Corporation by the factory and said water will fulfill the demand of all the people in the area. He gave the example of Nagpur Municipal Corporation that it earns crores of rupees from the sewage by giving the treated water to Koradi Thermal Power Station for electricity generation, likewise Latur Municipal Corporation after treating the sewage, can tie up with any industry which can use said treated water. Accordingly, he stated that new technologies are available, industry shall not be closed



down and it shall be operated for total 365 days by using other crops other than the sugarcane because most of agro products contain sugar. He stated that coincidentally today is good day and the name of said project is M/s. Twenty Sugars Ltd. and accordingly he suggested that how to use the agro crops shall be thought by the Managing Director, etc. of the project. He further stated that the proposed project is going to be a self-sufficient industry as it will use their own electricity as per their requirement and if they desire to give electricity to MSEDCL, it is their look out, but if the entire system would be underground, then it will be proper to the industry to provide underground electricity line from the Co-generation Plant, otherwise it will not be proper for providing a single underground electricity line. He stated that slowly slowly perhaps may be within 50 - 60 years, no line will be seen and all over there will be underground electricity line. He stated that when he had gone to Dubai recently, he observed that the situation of electricity line in 1971 was like this, but now total electricity line system is underground; however new technologies are available and the issue is under the purview of MSEDCL.

- (4) **Shri Sunanda Reddy**, Environmentalist from Hyderabad stated that about 1 Crore people in the age group of 18 to 35 years in India come every year in market for employment and the Government of India and States provide jobs to only 4 to 5 Lakh people and remaining 95 Lakh people depend on private industry. He stated that generally environmentalists oppose the industries for creating air pollution, water pollution, etc., but he told that he is a practical environmentalist who encourages the industries, but at the same time unemployment is the major pollution to the society. He requested the Chairman of Public Hearing Panel to recommend to MoEF to give unconditional permission to M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd., upon which **Shri G. Sreekanth**, District Magistrate, Latur and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel stated that it can not be unconditional permission, he can understand the problems in the society, unemployment is the biggest pollution in country and to do away that in it to come up with in industries which are more agro based and this industry is more agro based only. **Shri Reddy** stated that the industry is proposing 7500 TCD capacity, which will run for 3 to 4 months, i.e. it will be more than 9 Lakh TCD per season and this will come from approximately from 10000 acres of sugarcane, every acre gives approximately 80 to 90 Tons, every acre takes approximately 3 crore ltrs. of water, which will come upto approximately 28500 crore ltrs. of water, i.e. tentatively 10 TMC of water, hence he requested the District Administration and Factory Management to encourage the farmers for drip irrigation due to which 3 to 4 TMC water will be saved. **Shri G. Sreekanth**, Hon'ble District Magistrate, Latur as Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel stated that he has already told the same in Marathi and the Government of India and Government of Maharashtra is already giving 75% subsidy for the same as well as to promote to the guys those cultivate sugarcane by using drip irrigation. **Shri Reddy** requested to start the plantation by the factory immediately as it is very important.

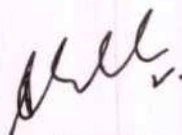
Shri G. Sreekanth, District Magistrate, Latur and Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing Panel stated that the public hearing with respect to the establishment of M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd. and environmental assessment is conducted today valuable suggestions given by the environmentalist as well as local people will be implemented and the Managing Director of the company has already prepared the same through their consultant; and under the Chairmanship of the District Collector, the company has reserved the funds of Rs. 2.5 Cr. for Corporate Environment Responsibility, which is very important for the said area because it will be helpful to the children and the people depending on the farming and it will be pleasure if the industry would be in the nearby area, because expenditure will be saved, more rate will get to the sugarcane, employment will be made available to the children of the people in the areas and during all this process, new technologies are available to avoid the losses to be caused due to industry, technical advice is also getting from Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to the industries from time to time regarding new technologies. He stated that he is satisfied by hearing the draft prepared by the Environment Consultant for the proposed project regarding air pollution, water pollution, etc. and whatever the suggestions given are already included and therefore he told that he pays hearty wishes to M/s. Twenty One Sugars Ltd. for their further ways/progress and expected that the factory will complete their project immediately by maintaining the environment and then he concluded the Public Hearing in respect of proposed project of M/s. Twenty Sugars Ltd. with a vote of thanks to all the public participants.

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



(Rajendra Rajput)

Member of the Public Hearing Committee
and
Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad



(G. Sreekanth)

Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee
and
District Magistrate, Latur



(V. P. Shelke)

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