

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF M/S. VISHWASRAO NAIK SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LTD., AT: YASHWANTNAGAR, POST: CHIKHALI, TAL: WALWA, DIST: SANGLI, MAHARASHTRA FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DISTILLERY FROM 30 KLPD TO 60 KLPD.

M/s. Vishwasrao Naik Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., At. Yashwantnagar, Post. Chikhali, Tal. Shirala, Dist.Sangli has submitted proposal for expansion of the existing molasses based distillery project from 30 KLPD to 60 KLPD capacity.

The public hearing of M/s. Vishwasrao Naik Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., At. Yashwantnagar, Po. Chikhali, Ta. Shirala, Dist.Sangli has been conducted on 23-09-2020 at 01.00 pm. Through online system via Cisco Webex video conference as well as physically at the factory site having limitations of attendance of 100 persons at a time, as per the OFFICE MEMORANDUM dated 14-09-2020, Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, Government of India with guidelines issued by the government on 29-08-2020, the hearing was held as follows.

1. Cisco WebEx via video conference.
Link - <https://mh-dit.webex.com/meet/collector.sangli>
2. Factory workplace - M / s. Vishwasrao Naik Cooperative Sugar Factory Ltd.,
(VNSSKL) At. Yashwantnagar, Post-Chikhali. Ta. Shirala, Dist. Sangli,

The panel members present for the hearing as as under.

1. Mrs. Mosami Chowgule-Barde, - President
Upper District Magistrate Sangli.
2. Mr. Ravindra Andhale, - Member.
Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Kolhapur.
3. Mr. Navnath S. Awatade
Sub Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board,Sangli. - Convener
First of all Mr. Navnath S. Awatade, Convener of Public Hearing and Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sangli welcomed Hon'ble chairman and members of public hearing panel and all participants present

for public hearing through online system as well as physically present at the factory site and started the procedure of public hearing with the approval of Hon'ble Chairman.

The convener in brief explained the procedure of public hearing as per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 of the Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, Government of India and its amendments, and accordingly status that M/s. Vishwasrao Naik Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., At. Yashwantnagar, Post. Chikhali, Tal. Shirala, Dist. Sangli has submitted their proposal for expansion of existing molasses based distillery project from 30 KLPD to 60 KLPD capacity. As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2006 of the Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, Government of India, it is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance by conducting public hearing and accordingly as per the approval of Hon'ble District Collector public hearing has been organized on today dt. 23-09-2020.

As per the provisions in the notification - Advance notice of the hearing was published in Marathi language in Dainik Lokmat newspaper on dated 25-08-2020 and in English language in Times of India newspaper. It appealed to the residents of the proposed project area, environmental organizations, residents displaced or otherwise affected by the project, citizens to submit their comments, objections and objections orally or in writing within 30 days or at the time of hearing. Accordingly the project documents along with EIA report, Executive Summary in Marathi and English language was made available to the citizens for information at the following places. 1. Collector Office, Sangli. 2. District Industries Center, Sangli. 3. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad Sangli. 4. Zonal Office, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Nagpur. 5. Ministry of Environment, Mumbai. 6. Headquarters M.P. C. Board Mumbai. 7. Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, Kolhapur. 8. Tahasil Office, Shirala. 9. Gram Panchayat Office, Chikhali and as well as it was also made available on the Board's website.

Given the current prevalence of Corona disease, the hearing is being conducted online via Cisco WebEx video conferencing. In addition, the Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, Government of India, as per the Office Memorandum dated 14-09-2020, has directed to conduct the public hearing physically at the factory site up to a limit of 100 persons by following the guidelines published as per 29-08-2020 regarding Covid 19. It has been made mandatory for

the citizens present to follow the rules of wearing masks, maintaining social distance, thermal scanning and washing hands or using sanitization. In this regard, revised instructions in Marathi and English language were published in Dainik Lokmat and Times of India dated 22-09-2020 respectively. For today's hearing Hon. Member Secretary, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai issued office order no. E47 dtd. 18-09-2020. As per this office order the committee has been constituted. After that, the organizer outlined the outline of today's hearing as follows.

- The technical consultants of the factory will make presentations regarding pollution management and control of water, air, hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste, and Noise etc. of the proposed project as well as local environmental issues of the project.
- After the presentation, the citizens present as well as the citizens who participated online will present their doubts, questions, objections in written or oral form, before that questioner has to mention their name and residential village name so that it can be recorded in the minutes.
- These questions will be clarified by the technical advisor or office bearers of the factory.
- Hon'ble Chairman, members will express their views and suggestions if any.
- The complete minutes of the hearing along with audio video as well as photographs and written statements received, objections, entries etc. will be submitted to the Board Headquarters for further action.

For today's hearing, the Chairman of the committee, the organizer as well as the technical advisors and office bearers of the factory are present in the NIC room of the District Collector's office, and Regional Officer M. P. C. Board, Kolhapur and member of the committee along with Officers of the Board are present at factory site.

After this, the environmental consultant of the project, Dr. Sangram Ghugare, M/s. Equinox Environment (In.) Pvt. Ltd. Presented information about the proposed project through a slide show. These include the new Ethanol policy of the Central Government, information about the project, geographical location of the project, satellite images of the project, information of project promoters, need for

project expansion, products and ancillary products, raw materials, sugar, distillation and co-generation project Water Use, Proposed CPU of Distillation Project, Sources of Pollution, Value Addition of Distillation Project, Sewage Treatment, Emergency Management System, Green Belt Development Program, Rainwater harvesting, Prevention and Control of Pollution, Factory Social Development Program, Proposed plan, Environmental Management plan, information in the study area of 10 km radius, wind direction and study, environmental inspection program, animals and birds in the study area etc. informed about.

After the above presentation, Shri. Navnath S. Awatade, Sub Regional Officer and convener of the public hearing on environmental issues, said that if there were any questions, objections or doubts about the proposed project, the technical advisors or office bearers of the project would give their explanations. This was followed by questions and answers as follows.

- Question no. 1.** **Mr. Rajaram Maruti Dive, Village - Chikhli, Dist. Sangli.**
- How much excess alcohol will be obtained from the proposed expansion project?
- Technical Consultant:** It is planned to produce 60 kiloliters of alcohol from the proposed project which will double the existing production capacity.
- Question no. 2.** **Mr. Dharmaraj Vishnu Dhebe, Village - Chikhli, Dist. Sangli.**
- How will the project affect the health of the local people?
- Technical Consultant -** The proposed project will not affect the health of the local people
- Question no. 3.** **Mrs. Usha Ajit Patil, Sarpanch, Natoli, Dist. Sangli.**
- What by-products come out of the distillery?
- Technical Consultant -** The distillery produces products such as alcohol, spirits, fusel oil and Co2 is by-products. Co2 is

differently used in soft drinks and spirit, fusel oil is used in sanitizers, perfumes as well as cosmetics.

Question no. 4.

Mr. Vilas Bapuso Patil, Village - Natoli, Dist.

Sangli.

What will be the disposal of solid waste generated from the project?

Technical Consultant -

The ash generated from the project will be sold to Bricks manufacturers and the ash pellets will be sold to the cement factories.

Question no. 5.

Mr. Sambhaji Hari Desai, Village - Chikhli, Dist.

Sangli.

What is the total cost of the project?

Technical Consultant:

The project will cost around Rs. 43 Crore.

Question no. 6.

Mr. Sambhaji Hari Desai, Village - Chikhli, Dist.

Sangli.

Will this project cause noise pollution?

Technical Consultant-

The proposed project will not cause any noise pollution.

Question no. 7.

Mr. Subhash Tukaram Gawali, Village - Chikhali, Dist. Sangli.

How much spent wash will come out of this project?

Technical Consultant -

Spent wash will generate 98.00 CMD as industrial wastewater.

Question no. 8.

Mr. Ganpati Raghunath Patil, Village - Chikhli, Dist. Sangli.

How will the project benefit the locals?

Technical Consultant -

The current project has also provided secondary employment to the locals. It will double in the future.

Mr. Ravindra Andhale, Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Kolhapur and member of the committee asked that the production capacity is 1800 KL/M. And distillation capacity 60 KLPD. Explain whether the production of each substance is the same as shown daily.

The environmental technical advisor of the proposed project, Dr. Sangram Ghugare has explained that the distillation capacity is 60 KLPD. And every day the production of each substance is 1800 KL/M. will be once.

After the above discussion, the Chairperson of the public hearing Mrs. Mosami Chougule-Barde, Additional District Magistrate, while expressing his views, said that the measures taken for the control of pollution have been presented in the context of the proposed project. He said it was a good thing as it was saving of use of river water by recycling the treated water back in various uses by treating the waste water generated in the industry. The Hon'ble Chairman also wished all the best for the project and said that the entire process of public hearing on environment was satisfactory.

Finally Mr. Navnath S. Awatade, Sub Regional Officer and Convener of Public Hearing thanked the audience and Hon'ble Chairman and member of committee, technical consultant and office bearers of the factory for extending their full co-operation for compilation of the today's public hearing, and with the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman the said public hearing was declared over.

The procedure of public hearing has started at 01.00 pm. and ended to 02.30 pm.

(Navnath S. Awatade)
Convener
And
Sub Regional Officer,
MPC Board, Sangli

(Ravindra Andhale)
Member
And
Regional Officer MPC Board,
Kolhapur

(Smt. Mosami Chougule-Barde)
Chairman
And
Additional District Magistrate
Sangli