

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT FROM 19.0 MW TO 29.0 MW PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S BHIMASHANKAR SAHAKARI SAKAHR KARKHANA LTD., (BSSKL), AT – DATTATRAYANAGAR, AT POST – PARGAON VIA AWASARI BK, TAL-AMBEGAON, DIST – PUNE

- Ref :
- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi's Notification Dated 14-09-2006 and Amended Notification Dated 01-12-2009
 - 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi's Office Memorandum Dated 14-09-2020
 - 3) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's directives vide no. B-200917-FTS-0082, Dated 17-09-2020

The public hearing for proposed expansion of Co-Generation Power Plant from 19.0 MW to 29.0 MW proposed by Project Proponent M/s Bhimashankar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., (BSSKL), At – Dattatrayanagar, At Post – Pargaon Via Awasari BK, Tal-Ambegaon, Dist – Pune was conducted on Thursday, the 10th December, 2020 at the site of the said industry at 12.00 noon.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, Gol), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Office Order No.E-68 of 2020 issued under letter no.BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-201117-FTS-0023, Dated 17-11-2020 as below :-

- 1) District Magistrate, Pune - **Chairman**
or his representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate
- 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune - **Member**
(Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, Pune-II, - **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Pune

Shri Nitin Shinde, Sub Regional Officer, Pune-II, MPCB, Pune, Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee while welcoming all informed that as this Virtual Public Hearing is arranged in the background of Covid-19, we all have to follow the directives of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi dated 14-09-2020 [referred at sr. no. (2)] and subsequent Order as issued by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board dated 17-09-2020 [referred at sr. no. (3)] above. Hence, 80 persons are allowed in the meeting hall in a session. If the participants are more, subsequent sessions will continue until all the participants are given opportunities to attend the meeting.

As per the directives, it is requested all the participants to follow strict guidelines of Govt. of India. The thermal checking and use of sanitizer are kept at the entrance of the meeting hall and in the meeting hall, it is compulsory to wear mouth mask and follow the social distancing amongst the persons.

Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting welcomed Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Member of the Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials, Government 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 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification

He informed that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application of Project Proponent M/s Bhimashankar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd.,(BSSKL), at Dattatrayanagar, At Post – Pargaon Via Awasari BK, Tal – Ambegaon , Dist. – Pune for proposed expansion of Co-Generation Power Plant from 19.0 MW to 29.0 MW at the existing site of the industry.

The Member, Convener further informed that this project is in operation outside the notified Industrial Zone and as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under B 1 (d), prior public hearing is mandatory to obtain Environmental Clearance from Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai. He said that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the unit.

Project Proponent has submitted their application to State Environment Appraisal Committee-I (SEAC-I), Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of

Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai for obtaining Terms of Reference (ToR) to study and prepare Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report as per ToR approved by SEAC-I Maharashtra in 167 (A) meeting held on 30th July, 2019.

Shri Shinde, Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that this public hearing was first arranged on 02-12-2020 for which 30 days in advance public notice was published as per provisions in the Notification in local newspaper Daily Loksatta and in national newspaper Daily The Indian Express on 31-10-2020. But due to Graduates' and Teachers' Constituencies 2020 Election, the Code of Conduct was declared, and hence public hearing is to be postponed. Afterwards, the public hearing is fixed on 10-12-2020, hence the public notice for this published on 27-11-2020 in local newspaper Daily Loksatta and in national newspaper daily The Indian Express

Also 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, West-East Division Office, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001; District Magistrate Office -Pune; Additional District Magistrate Office - Pune; Zilla Parishad Office-Pune; District Industries Centre Office, Pune; Tahsildar Office- Ghodegaon, Tal-Ambegaon, , Dist, Pune, Grampanchayat office at Pargaon via Awasari BK, Tal-Ambegaon, Dist- Pune; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Pune-II; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed project. He appealed Chairperson of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson of the Public Hearing Committee, Project Environment Consultant gave the presentation on Environment Management Plan of the project. Project Environment Consultant informed that nearly 42 Crores investment is done by the Project Proponent for the expansion of the project from 19.0 MW to 29.0 MW and for Environment Management Plan, Rupees 30 Lakh have been ear-marked. He further informed that as per the directives of Central Pollution Control and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Online Monitoring System is installed and is in operation. He gave detailed information of Environment Management Plan.

After the presentation, Member, Convener appealed the participants to raise their suggestions, objections if any.

Followings have participated during the discussions and the Answers given by the Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee:-

1) Shri Balshiram Dagadu Solse, Resident – Dhakale, Tal – Ambegaon, Dist – Pune:-

Whether there are any treatment facilities to treat the effluent which will be produced in the process?

Project Environment Consultant answered that there will be generation of 348.0 M³/day of industrial effluent. The organic load in the effluent is not hard. The percentage of TDS is a little more. The Effluent Treatment Plant to treat the effluent of 1,350.0 M³/day is in operation. The total 1,165.0 M³/day effluent will be produced. Hence, the existing Effluent Treatment Plant is capable to handle and treat the total effluent. There is no need to upgrade the ETP at present.

The Condensate Polishing Unit (CPU) will be installed. The effluent treated into CPU achieves the standards as of the river water. The treated effluent through CPU will be recycled and reused in the production activities.

2) Shri Pravin Haushiram Sabale, Resident – Kathapur Budruk, Tal – Ambegaon, Dist – Pune :-

Whether new chimney/stack will be installed in the project?

Project Environment Consultant informed that new chimney will not be installed in the project. He informed that the detailed study is carried. The 37 TPH boilers will be upgraded to 45 TPH, which will require the bagasse of 39.0 Ton per hour. We have studied the sulphur percentage of the bagasse and it is revealed that the present chimney is sufficient. The height of the chimney will not be increased.

3) Shri Ajit Dinkar Vavhal, Resident – Shingave Pargaon, Tal – Ambegaon, Dist – Pune:-

I stay just four k.m. away from the factory. Which fuel will be used in Co-generation Power Plant? Whether it will be sufficient?

The bagasse which will be produced in the factory will be used as fuel. Now the capacity of the factory for sugarcane crushing is 6,000.0 T/day. If 30% is calculated, we will get bagasse of 1,800 MT every day. If the factory runs for 180 days, then we will get 3,24,000 MT. Hence, it is definitely sufficient to run the co-generation power plant.

4) Shri Bharat Sakharam Gate, Resident -Kurvandi Gaon, Tal – Ambegaon, Dist – Pune :-

How much expenditure will be incurred for the commissioning of this project?

There will be expenditure of Rupees 42.0 Crores for this project.

5) Shri Aangad Baburao Ponde, Resient – Pargaon Shingave, Tal – Ambegaon, Dist – Pune :-

Which treatment will be provided to the smoke which will be released through the chimney/stack?

Electro Static Precipitator (ESP) had been provided to 80 TPH boiler and 72 mtr chimney. The two boilers which are of 37 TPH will be upgraded upto 45 TPH and along with the wet scrubber will be upgraded.

6) Shri Daulatrao Lokhande, Resident – Pargaon, Tal – Ambegaon, Dist – Pune

Our project follows all the rules as prescribed by the Central Government. After completion of the project, how many people will get the job opportunities?

Project Environment Consultant answered that in the construction stage, there will be requirement of nearly after 50 persons. After completion of the project, thirty persons will get job opportunities.

7) Shri Uday Eknath Kokane, Resident – Chincholi Kokanyanchi, Tal – Ambegaon, Dist – Pune :-

Whether additional land will be purchased for the expansion of the project?

We are expanding the project on the existing site by upgrading the boilers.

Here, Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed in the meeting that public notice was published in the local newspaper regarding expansion of the project. Not a single suggestion, objection is received by the Sub Regional Office, Pune-II of the MPCB. He appealed all the participants to raise their suggestions, views, objections regarding the expansion of the project in environmental angle. An opportunity is given to raise the suggestion by writing or orally also.

Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that Dr. Jayashri Katare, Additional District Magistrate, Pune and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee is presiding the meeting. He requested Chairperson to raise any suggestion.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed in the meeting that we have gathered here to attend the public hearing of the proposed expansion of Co-generation Power Plant project from 19 MW to 29 MW. The public hearing meeting was fixed 2nd December, 2020. But due to declaration of Code of Conduct for Graduates' & Teachers' Constituency Election, 2020, it is postponed. In the background of Covid-19, large people came here to attend the meeting. This is sign of social awareness amongst the people. After presentation, an opportunity is given to all participants to raise their suggestions, views and objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle. Many participants have asked the questions and it is answered. The suggestions, objections are noted and it will be included in the minutes of meeting which will be submitted to Government along with Final Environment Impact Assessment Report for their consideration.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee here remarked that in the presentation, only the social activities carried by the Project Proponent since 2014 are mentioned. But nothing is mentioned regarding CER i.e. Corporate Environment Responsibility Fund, how it will be spent by the project proponent. She directed to explained in detail considering whole project.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee further remarked that as discussed during the meeting, it is promised that ESP will be installed. But it should be

kept in operation. The dust particles will be arrested and good results will get. She directed to explained in detail regarding CER considering the whole project. Project Environment Consultant informed that as per the Office Memorandum dated 1st May, 2018 as issued by the MoEFCC, 1% of the Capital Investment will be ear-marked for the CER Fund. The social environment programmes will be undertaken with the prior permission of the District Administration.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee at this moment appealed to raise any suggestions. There was no response. She remarked that it means all doubts have been cleared. She thanked local people who were present in large numbers, project officials, government officials for attending this meeting and declared that the meeting is concluded.

The meeting is ended extending thanks to the Chair.



Nitin Shinde


Member, Convener,

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Sub Regional Officer, Pune-II,

MPCB, Pune



Dr. Jayashree Katare

Chairman

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Additional District Magistrate, Pune, Dist – Pune