

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION OF EXISTING 30 KLPD MOLASSES DISTILLERY TO 59 KLPD USING MOLASSES / SUGARCANE JUICE BY M/S BHAIRAVNATH SUGAR WORKS LIMITED, AT GAT NO. 62, 63, 65, 66, 68 & 69 AT POST SONARI, 37, 38, 39, 40 AT - MUGAON, TAL.: PARANDA, DIST.: OSMANABAD, MAHARASHTRA

The public hearing for proposed expansion of existing 30 KLPD Molasses Distillery Unit to 59 KLPD using Molasses /Sugarcane Juice by Project Proponent -M/s Bhairavnath Sugar Works Limited, AT GAT NO. 62, 63, 65, 66, 68 & 69 at post Sonari, 37, 38, 39, 40 at - Mugaon, Tal.: Paranda, Dist.: Osmanabad, Maharashtra was conducted on Wednesday, the 17th March, 2021 at 11.30 noon at the site of the said industry.

As per the Notification dated 14.09.2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, GoI), 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-18 of 2021 issued under letter no.BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B 210222 FTS 0253, Dated 22.02.2021 as below :-

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

Shri V. P. Shelke, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Latur and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee while welcoming all informed that as this Physical 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 and Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai. Hence, 50 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, the thermal checking and use of sanitizer is 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.

Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting welcomed Additional District Magistrate, Osmanabad and Hon'ble Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials, Government Officials, Environmentalist, Journalists 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. Shri Shelke informed that nearly 38-39 industrial activities have been covered in the Notification in which Molasses/Sugar Cane Juice based distilleries are also covered.

He informed that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application of Project Proponent M/s Bhairavnath Sugar Works Limited, AT GAT NO.62, 63, 65, 66, 68 & 69 at post Sonari, 37, 38, 39, 40 at - Mugaon, Tal.: Paranda, Dist.: Osmanabad, Maharashtra to conduct public hearing for their proposed expansion of existing 30 KLPD Molasses Distillery to 59 KLPD using Molasses/Sugarcane Juice

The Convener further informed that the project is in operation outside of notified industrial area and as per EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendment of June 2019, the project falls under Category B 5 (g) i & ii.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed 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 had sought permission from SEAC-1 & SEIAA; Environment Department of Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai for sanction of Terms of Reference

(ToR) and for preparation of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Report. SEAC-1 & SEIAA; Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai has approved ToR on 24.02.2020.

Shri Shelke, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that this public hearing on 17.03.2021 is approved by District Collector, Osmanabad for which 30 days in advance public notice was published as per provisions in the Notification in local newspaper Daily Sakal in Marathi and in national newspaper Daily Times of India on 11th February, 2021. The people were appealed to send any suggestions, objections regarding expansion of the proposed project in environmental angle only.

Also, a copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available to general public 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-Osmanabad; Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office- Osmanabad; General Manager, District Industries Centre, Osmanabad; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad; Sarpanch, Grampanchayat Office – Sonari and Mugaon, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Latur; Regional Office, MPCB, Aurangabad and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; Environment Department of, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project.

He informed that three suggestions on email from Telangana State are received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Latur. Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed all participants that an opportunity is given to raise suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in writing and orally. He requested Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to start the proceedings.

Shri Shelke, Convener asked Project Environment Consultant to give explanation regarding three suggestions after the presentations.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman of the meeting, the Environment Consultant appointed by the company presented information on environmental aspects with reference to expansion of the project through power point presentation. Therein, details on location of project, products, raw material, water consumption, effluent generation and its treatment, air emissions and its control, solid & hazardous waste management and its disposal, data collected for EIA report and its interpretation was informed to public. Information was also presented on EMP and its budget allocation, CSR activities, Green belt etc. She informed

that as per EIA Notification, the proposed project falls under Category Category B 5 (g) i & ii. After the expansion, there are chances of job opportunities to local people.

After the presentation, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise their suggestions, objections.

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

1) Shri Namdev Madhukar Bhagyawant, Resident – Donja, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad:-

Here we are planning for the expansion of the project. Then, how much job opportunities /employment generation is going to increase in the project?

Project Environment Consultant answered that the participant has asked a good question. At present, there are 439 persons working in the project and after expansion, 15 more Technical persons will get direct job opportunities in the project. But due to expansion, there will be tremendous increase in local business, hence nearly 300-400 persons will get indirect job opportunities such as drivers for truck, tanker transportation, hotels, cottage business etc..

2) Shri Vinod Laxman Dalave, Resident – Mugaon, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad :-

You are is using molasses as a raw material. Can you use another substance as raw material instead of molasses?

Environment Consultant informed that when there is sugar factory, there will be molasses. We can use grains instead of molasses. We can use jowar, maize as raw material for producing alcohol. But using grains as raw material to produce alcohol is very costly. Secondly, here molasses/Sugar Cane Juice from our sugar factory will be used. If we use grains, we will have to transport it from other areas, it will increase the transport cost also. Hence, producing alcohol from grains is not affordable due to its problems of availability.

3) Shri Sandip Subhash Kavathe, Resident – Sonari, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad :-

The Project Proponent has planned for the expansion of the project. Then whether project officials are going to plant trees to prevent pollution or whether they have planted the trees?

While giving the answer by the Environment Consultant, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee here informed Environment Consultant to give answer as raised.

Environment Consultant answered that already 3,000 trees are planted, and 10,256 additional trees will be planted in the project premises.

4) **Shri Tulsidas Ambadas Balgude, Resident – Sonari, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad:-**

How much cost will be incurred/spent for the expansion of Distillery Project? The members should not suffer due to it.

Environment Consultant answered that there will be investment of 13 Crores for the expansion of the Distillery Project.

Shri Balgude further asked whether Members of the factory will suffer due to investing 13 crores for the expansion? At this moment, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that this is administrative matter and not the subject of this meeting. Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee also said that this meeting is called to raise suggestions or objections regarding environmental issues. The questions can be asked regarding environmental impact due to expansion of the project. It will be noted.

5) **Shri Haridas Mahadev Dhage, Resident – Pistamwadi, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad:-**

Whether other developmental projects can be implemented under this project?

At this moment, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked to give explanation regarding the question raised. Shri Dhage clarified whether the project expansion will provide job opportunities in the project?

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that the answer is already given that 15 persons will get direct job opportunities in the project, whereas there will be increase in local business which will provide indirect job opportunities such as drivers will get work due to increase in transportation, there will be increase in hotels, catering services, which will give boost to indirect jobs for the local people.

Environment Consultant informed that under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund, the Project Proponent has spent rupees of Rs. 2.50 crores for the water conservation in the area. Similarly, tree planting, drinking water facilities will be provided in the area.

6) **Shri Laxman Vasudev Dhage, Resident – Pistamwadi, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad:-**

After expansion, how many days the project will continue for operation?

Environment Consultant answered that the composting activities will be carried in the project. The spent wash which will be produced, the process of bio-methinization followed by concentration and composting will be carried for treatment of same. The spentwash composting process are not carried out in rainy season. Hence, the project will continue for operation for 270 days.

7) **Shri Parmeshwar Laxman Ghalke, Resident - Awarpimpri, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad:-**

After expansion of the distillery project, how much Alcohol will be produced?

It is informed that after expansion of the project, 59 KLPD Alcohol will be produced.

8) **Shri Sagar Angad Burange, Resident – Asu Gaon, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad:-**

The fertilizer will be produced in this project. How many villages and adjoining villages will be benefitted due to fertilizer?

The Environment Consultant answered that the fertilizer can be used in agriculture fields. This will improve the fertility of the soil. Now it is preferred to use organic manure. If the fertilizer is used for farming of sugarcane, the production will increase. At this moment, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked how much the fertilizer will be produced? Here Environment Consultant informed that 90 Ton fertilizer in every day will be produced. It can be used in the agriculture fields. Due to use of fertilizers, the farmers will get good cane.

9) **Shri Shekhar Babu Kumbhar, Resident – Mugaon, Tal – Paranda, Dist – Osmanabad :-**

Which steps will be taken to control noise pollution in the expanded project?

Environment Consultant answered that in this project, Noise Pollution is not at all main source, as there are no major rotating machines or parts in the project. The noise will not go outside the compound wall. The canopy and silencer will be installed to the D.G. sets. Due to fermentation and distillation and due to boiler, there will be noise pollution. The noise level will be 80-85 decibel. The Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) such as ear-muffs, ear-plugs will be provided to the workers who work near the noise affected area.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee discussed the suggestions received for the expansion of the project. He remarked that there 2-3 important suggestions and hence it is informed in the meeting. One is rainwater, second one is development of green belt and third is regarding pollution of air and liquid. Chairman of the Committee informed that a suggestion is received to arrange Health Camps. Hence, the clarifications for these suggestions be given in the meeting.

Environment Consultant informed that rainwater will be arrested on the roof top of the project building in the tank. In roof top tank, 16,152.04 M3 water can be stored. It will be used for firefighting. Due to surface harvesting, nearly 39,531.17 M3 of water will be stored in the tank. Due to water conservation, the ground water level will increase.

Project Environment Consultant further informed that we do organise the Health Camps from time to time to those who are working in the project. The same will be organised to the people residing in the vicinity. The appointed Medical Officer can come on the project and villagers can come here for the medical advice. But the Health Camp can be arranged at a particular site also.

Environment Consultant said about the green belt development that project proponent has also participated for planting of Five Crore Trees as sponsored by the Govt. of Maharashtra in the last year. She further informed that just as the trees have been planted in the project, the program of planting trees in the surrounding villages can also be undertaken.

10) Dr. P. M. Joshi, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee :-

Dr. P. M. Joshi asked that in the Presentation, it is informed that you will use the boiler of 10 Ton which is already in operation. Then what the use of spending of additional money for OCMS and Online monitoring system. Environment Consultant informed that it would have to spend for its maintenance. At this time, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that maintenance is totally different issue.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the meeting the question is raised regarding investment for expansion and whether the

Members of the factory will suffer. The investment of 13 crores is for Environment Management Plan (EMP), installing of various pollution control devices and its maintenance and for the green belt development. It is not just for construction of project. It is mandatory for control the pollution and for environment protection. Hence, there will be loss due to investment for expansion is not at all correct. It is responsibility. You can use previous/old OCMS.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Project Proponent to keep in operation all the pollution control devices and keep vigil on operation and maintenance of the pollution control devices.

He further informed that it is observed by the MPCB officials in the vigilance that some of the industries do not operate the CPU. Secondly, it is mandatory to follow all terms and conditions of the consent strictly.

Project Proponent informed in the meeting that there are two CPUs in our project, one is at sugar unit and another is at distillery unit. Both are in operation, due to which we are saving the water, as we are using the treated water for the agriculture purposes. We have cultivated 16 acres of sugarcane. Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee while giving boost of usage of CPU and treated water for agriculture purposes informed that Chairman, MPCB directed to maintain logbook for CPU also. Just as we keep all the information of boiler, the information in the form of logbook of CPU should be kept. How much chemicals are used, separate energy meter, how much energy is used is to be informed Sub Regional Office, Latur from time to time

While reviewing the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting, Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee said that participants raised the issues of job opportunities after expansion, pollution control system and whether we can use other raw material instead of molasses. The detail information regarding trees planted and likely to be planted were sought while asking question regarding green belt development. The question was also raised regarding working of the project after expansion and after expansion, how much alcohol will be produced, and which benefit the project will get after expansion. He said that it is appreciated that participants have raised the issues in the meeting in environmental angle only. The questions are answered by Environment Consultant and Project Proponent.

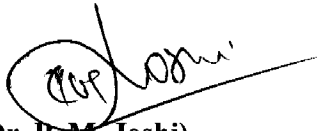
Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting are noted and minutes of the meeting

in English and Marathi will be prepared. After approval of Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, the minutes of the meeting along with Final Environment Impact Assessment Report, writing suggestions and objections will be submitted to Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra State, Mumbai. An Expert Committee will take further decision.

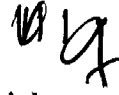
Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee on behalf of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee declared that the meeting is concluded.

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

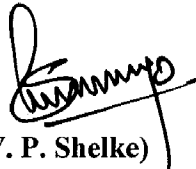
The suggestions 03 as received are enclosed herewith.



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and
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