

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGARCANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 1250 TCD TO 3500 TCD & CO-GENERATION PLANT CAPACITY FROM 3.0 MW TO 6.5 MW & ESTABLISHMENT OF 250 KLPD SYRUP BASED/200 KLPD B & C HEAVY MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY AT GAT NO. 265, 266, 272, 273, 274, 275, VILLAGE- ADGAON DARADE & GAT NO. 28, 29, 30, VILLAGE- RAJURA, TALUKA- SELU, DISTRICT- PARBHANI, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY PROJECT PROPONENT SHREE TULJABHAVANI SUGAR PRIVATE LIMITED, ADGAON DARADE, TALUKA- SELU, DISTRICT – PARBHANI, MAHARASHTRA -**

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The Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed expansion of Sugarcane Crushing Capacity from 1250 TCD to 3500 TCD & Co-Generation Plant Capacity from 3.0 MW to 6.5 MW & Establishment of 250 KLPD Syrup Based / 200 KLPD B & C Heavy Molasses Based Distillery at Gat No. 265,266,272,273,274,275,Village – Adgaon Darade, & Gat No. 28,29,30, Village- Rajura, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani, Maharashtra Proposed By Project Proponent Shree Tuljabhavani Sugar Private Limited, Adgaon Darade, Taluka-Selu, District-Parbhani, Maharashtra was conducted on Wednesday, the 04<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at the site of the said industry at 11.00 a.m.

Shri Shripad R. Kulkarni, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Parbhani and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Smt. Anuradha Dhalkari, Additional District Magistrate, Parbhani and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Sujit Dholam, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Industry Officials and local people/participants who were present and with the permission of Chairperson Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings of the public hearing.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, it is mandatory

for certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification to obtain prior environmental clearance and public consultation is an important step for the same.

He informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application from Project Proponent M/s Shree Tuljabhavani Sugar Private Limited, Adgaon Darade, Taluka-Selu, District-Parbhani, Maharashtra in respect of proposed expansion of Sugarcane Crushing Capacity from 1250 TCD to 3500 TCD & Co-Generation Plant Capacity from 3.0 MW to 6.5 MW & Establishment of 250 KLPD Syrup Based / 200 KLPD B & C Heavy Molasses Based Distillery at Gat No. 265,266,272,273,274,275, Village – Adgaon Darade, & Gat No. 28,29,30, Village-Rajura, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani, Maharashtra.

Convener further informed as per EIA Notification, 2006 the category of project falls under Category A schedule 5 (g) which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing, and to inform them the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the proposed project.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report to the, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi on 16-06-2023 and it has been considered and Terms of Reference (TOR) were finalized and conveyed to the project proponent vide letter dtd. 30-06-2023.

After grant of permission from District Collector, Parbhani to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Wednesday, the 04<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, Gol), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary,

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E- 61 of 2023 vide letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 230831- FTS- 0002 dated 31-08-2023 as under: -

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| 1) District Magistrate-Parbhani<br>or his representative not below<br>the rank of an Additional District<br>Magistrate  | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra<br>Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -<br>Regional Officer, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Parbhani  | <b>Convener</b> |

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Parbhani in the Local Newspaper in Daily "Saka" in Marathi and in National Newspaper daily "The Times of India" in English on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices as listed below: -

1)	Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, Western- Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001;
2)	District Collector, Parbhani;
3)	General Manager, District Industries Center, Parbhani;
4)	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Parbhani;
5)	Tahsildar, Tahsil Office -Selu,Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani;

6)	Gram Panchayat Office – Adgaon Darade & Rajura, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani;
7)	Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai – 400 032;
8)	Joint Director (WPC), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022;
9)	Regional Officer, Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No.A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana, Behind Dainik Lokpatra, Adjacent to Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital, Jalna Road, District – Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar;
10)	Sub Regional Officer, Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Devkrupa Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Rangmaharaj Nagar, Nandkheda Road, Parbhani – 431 401;
11)	Web site of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Mumbai;

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in writing also during proceedings of public hearing.

The convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, views, suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project from an environmental angle only and the Committee has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. The suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Similarly, the revised Environmental Assessment Report prepared by the Project Proponent and minutes of the public hearing after taking note of the video recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting and after approval of Chairperson to the minutes, will be submitted to the Department of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of

India, New Delhi through MPCB Head Office. An Expert Committee there will take further decision regarding granting of Environmental Clearance. Then the Convenor requested the Project Proponent/their Environmental consultant to start the presentation with due permission of the Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee.

With the permission of the Chairperson, the Environmental Consultant of the project made a presentation on the entire details of the proposed project along with the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). He informed that the total investment for the project will be Rupees 209.17 crores and for Environment Management proposed capital investment will be Rupees 52.8994 crores and Recurring investment would be 7.3538 crore. He informed that project is ZLD – Zero Liquid Discharge based. 150 people will get direct job opportunities in the project and after commissioning and starting operation of the project, there will be tremendous increase in indirect business of the area.

After the Presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all attendees to raise suggestions, views, objections in respect of the proposed project in environmental angle only. While putting their point, first full name and name of the resident village to be mentioned.

**Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the response of the Project Proponent :-**

- 1) Shri Ravi Dhanwade, Residence- Pardi, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani:-

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee
1)	Will the compost produced by the factory in the manufacturing process be available to local farmers?	Project Officer said that after the production process starts, the compost will be prepared in the project. It will be made available to local and surrounding farmers on their demand.

**2) Shri Tryambak Mule, Residence - Iralad, Taluka-Manvat, District-Parbhani :-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Suggestion / Question</b>	<b>Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee</b>
1)	Our expectation from this sugar factory is that the sugarcane farmers will get a increased price of sugarcane from the proposed project.	Suggestion has been noted.

**3) Shri Wahed Khan Hamid Khan Pathan, Member of Walur Gram Panchayat, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani: -**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Suggestion / Question</b>	<b>Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee</b>
1)	If Ethanol production is allowed, sugarcane will get good price and we will not fall short in price of sugarcane in Maharashtra. Farmers will get benefit. Walur surrounding area is rural and backward. Due to the project, it is felt that a area is sparkled and new employment is also generated.	Suggestion has been noted

**4) Shri Dyandeo Datta Jaibhaye, At Post – Adgaon Darade, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani:-**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Suggestion / Question</b>	<b>Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee</b>
1)	My only request is that this project should be approved at the earliest as our village is near the project and at least 600-650 hectares of sugarcane will be produced, thus benefiting our farmers.	Suggestion has been noted.

**5) Shri Gangadhar Prabhakar Giri, Residence – Pardi, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani :-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee
1)	I am a resident farmer in the vicinity of the Sugar Factory, and I want to know that is there any adverse effect on the crops in the vicinity due to emissions form the proposed project?	Environmental Consultant said that as mentioned in the presentation the said project is a ZLD – Zero Liquid Discharge project and no liquid waste will be discharged out of industry premises. An Electro-Static-Precipitator, the most advanced device will be installed prior to the stack/ chimney, which will arrest the dust particles. The efficiency of the ESP is 99.9%. Therefore, the residents of the area will not suffer from air pollution. Apart from that, monitoring of stack emissions will be carried out regularly from the laboratory approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Hence, there will be no adverse effect on the crops.

**6) Shri Ankush Nathrao Jadhav, Residence – Dugara, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee
1)	How many trees are you going to plant in the factory premises?	The Environmental Consultant replied that, for this project, we have earmarked 35% of the land for green belt development. The total number of trees will be 19,775. As per the directives as passed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi, various species of trees will be planted. Also, maximum number of trees will be planted around the project.

**7) Shri Krishna Shivaji Jaibhaye, Residence – Adgaon Darade, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee
1)	How many people can get job opportunities in this proposed project?	Project Proponent - Chairperson of the project answered that the Project Management is planning to expand the project and build a new distillery only to provide employment to the local people in the proposed project and to develop the area. 150 people will be needed for the project. Local people who possess the requisite educational qualification will definitely be given preference. The job opportunities in the project will be provided to local people only. But if there is a need for experts in the project and if not available locally, then they have to be recruited from the outside area.

**8) Shri Rameshwar Sudamrao Katole, Residene – Hatta, Taluka – Selu, District – Parbhani:-**

Sr. No.	Objection / Suggestion / Question	Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee
1)	It is earnestly requested to the Project Approving Authorities that we have four water sources. One is the Dudhana River, the other is the Lower Dudhana Project, the Neighboring Nivali Dam and the Siddheshwar Dam. Also there is Yeldari Dam at the backside. As there is ample availability of water we can produce sugarcane in large quantities, but today sugarcane is not produced because there is no sugar factory here. This factory can become the no. 1 factory in Maharashtra, because bullock carts are also in high numbers which are required	Suggestions have been noted.



	<p>for sugar cane harvesting. Water is abundant here and local farmers face the issue of where to sale the sugarcane. However, if this project is approved, this factory will remain number one in Maharashtra. Similarly, if the Co-gen electricity production project and other projects are approved, local people will get employment and farmers will also get extra benefit by getting additional rate for their sugarcane crop. We don't have sugar factories or other industries in this area. This project can lead to the overall development of our locality. This project is our ray of hope. We believe that this project will emerge as a "Model" in the future.</p>	
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**9) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Shivajinagar, Nalagonda Telangana: -**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objection / Suggestion / Question</b>	<b>Response/Reply of Project Promoter / Environmental Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee</b>
1)	<p>I am the first Environmentalist in India who supports industrial development. In my opinion, unemployment is a major pollution in society. In every year in India, one crore people comes to the market for employment, only five lakh people are getting government jobs. The remaining 95 lakhs unemployed depend on private industries. This is the fact, and, in this context, I unconditionally support industrial development. Here I give few suggestions: -</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>
2)	<p>Your Environmental Consultant has proposed 33% of plantation is very good. If there is any scope to improve more plantation,</p>	<p>Suggestions have been noted.</p>

	please try to improve 40-50%. Instead of planting normal plants, please give priority to plant fruit bearing plants and medicinal value plants. It is very useful to society.	
3)	I am also requesting Management to form a Co-ordination Committee for expenditure of the CSR budget with company officials, PCB officials and village officials to undertake Demanded Oriented Work, due to which great credibility comes to the management. Finally, I am requesting the Public Hearing Committee to recommend to accord unconditional NOC to the project.	Suggestions have been noted.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to all participants to raise any suggestions, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee further informed that one writing suggestion is received in the meeting from a NGO - Shri Rangarao Kothakonda, Save Earth, Sarur Nagar, District – Ranga Reddy, Telangana State. It is presented before the Environment Public Hearing Committee and Project Proponent is herewith directed to give answers regarding the points raised. It will be submitted to the Government along with the minutes of the meeting. He requested Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee to say few words.

**10) Shri Sujit Dholam, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee: -**

First of all, the citizens present here are congratulated for listening to the Presentation very calmly and asking questions about the proposed project.

Appropriate answers have been given by the Project Management and Environmental Consultant of the project. Today's public hearing was an important step towards obtaining Environmental Clearance (EC) for the project.

He said that minutes of the meeting will be prepared in Marathi and in English in which all the suggestions, objections raised, and answers given will be included. Written suggestions, objections and answers given to it by the Project Proponent, Revised Environment Impact Assessment Report will be submitted with the approval of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee through MPCB Head Office to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee there will take further action.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee further said that while commencing the meeting, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee already informed that this Committee is constituted to note the views, suggestions, or objections of the local people and to submit the report to Government and this Committee has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. Sanctioning Environmental Clearance (EC) is not in the purview of the Committee. Preparation of draft EIA report and presentation during the meeting is well done. He requested Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee to take the charge of the further proceedings.

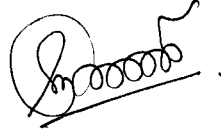
While concluding the meeting, **Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee** said that we have gathered here for the Environment Public Hearing organized by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. The Environment Management Plan of the proposed project is explained in detail by the Project Environment Consultant.

Oral questions and written suggestions have been received from the participants in the meeting and the local people/participants can still register written suggestions and objections. Further action will be taken according to the information given by the Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee regarding the minutes of the meeting. All the participants have given positive responses and suggestions about the project. The local farmers and

participants have expressed their views very calmly. Extending thanks to everyone, it is declared that the proceeding of public hearing is concluded.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked Chairperson for attending this meeting and on behalf of the Chairperson, it is declared that the meeting is concluded.

Enclosed one written suggestions/objections as received.



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