

Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Expansion in Existing Project At Existing Premises For Expansion Of Distillery Unit from 30 KLPD To 45 KLPD (B & C Heavy Molasses), Sugar Factory Crushing Capacity from 2,500 TCD To 7,000 TCD By Project Proponent M/s. Shri Shankar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Post-Sadashivnagar, Village - Purandawade, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur – 413 111, Maharashtra State -

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Shri. Nikhil More, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. Abhijit Patil, Additional Collector, Solapur and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Babasaheb Kukade, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representatives of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

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, Gol) 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.

Convener 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.

He informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application dated 14/01/2026 from Project Proponent M/s. Shri Shankar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Post-Sadashivnagar, Village-Purandawade, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur – 413 111, Maharashtra State to conduct an Environment Public Hearing in respect of Expansion in existing project at existing premises For Expansion of Distillery Unit from 30 KLPD To 45 KLPD (B & C Heavy Molasses), Sugar Factory Crushing Capacity from 2,500 TCD To 7,000 TCD at Post-Sadashivnagar, Village-Purandawade, Taluka-Malshiras, District- Solapur – 413 111, Maharashtra State.

Convener further informed that as per EIA Notification No.1533 (E), Dated 14-09-2006, the proposed activities fall under Category “B1”- 5 (j) Sugar Industries & 5 (g) – Distillery Unit, which requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Environment & Climate Change Ministry, Maharashtra Government, Mumbai for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent has submitted an online application dated 24-09-2025 to obtain preliminary approval (ToR) from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai and to prepare an Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the application was granted online approval by the Government of Maharashtra on 06-10-2025.

Accordingly, Project Proponent has appointed an Environmental Consultant who has obtained NABET Approval as per the directives of the Government of India and have carried out the environmental assessment through the environmental consultant. A detailed environmental survey within a 10.0 km radius of the project site was carried from October, 2025 to December, 2025 (three months).

A draft of the project site and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report was prepared to study the potential impact/impacts on the environment due to the establishment of the proposed project and was submitted to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.

Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter no. MPCB/JD(WPC)/ENV-PH/B-260313-FTS-0114 dated 13/03/2026 directed Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur to carry the process of conducting environmental public hearing regarding the said project.

Afterwards, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur requested Hon. District Collector, Solapur to conduct Environment Public Hearing for the proposed activity.

District Collector, Solapur directed to conduct Physical Environment Public Hearing on Monday, the 18th May, 2026 at 04.00 noon at Project Site –M/s. Shri Shankar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Post-Sadashivnagar, Village-Purandawade, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur – 413 111, Maharashtra State.

After getting sanction from Hon. Additional Collector, Solapur, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai as per the Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14-09-2006 and as per Amended Notification S.O. 3067 (E) Dated 01-12-2009 as issued by Ministry of

Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, Gol), New Delhi has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order dated 08-05-2026 as under: -

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

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Solapur in the local newspaper in daily Sanchar for language Marathi and in newspaper daily Divya Marathi for language English on 18-04-2026. 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 under: -

1)	Hon'ble District Collector, Collector Office, Solapur;
2)	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Solapur;
3)	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Solapur;
4)	Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032;

5)	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022;
6)	Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jog Center, 3 rd floor, Wakdewadi, Old Mumbai-Pune Road, Pune – 400 003
7)	Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, B/4, Bali Building, Civil Lines, Opp. Government Milk Scheme, Saat Rasta, Solapur – 413 003
8)	Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Malshiras, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur;
9)	Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Malshiras, Taluka – Malshiras, District- Solapur;
10)	Grampanchayat Offices – Mouje Sadashivnagar, Purandavade, Yeliv, Bhamburdi, Jadhavwadi, Tamshidwadi, Mandave, Medad, Markadwadi, Kanher, Islampur, Kacharewadi, Malshiras, Umbare Dahigaon, Kadamwadi, Fondshiras, Girvi, Tirvandi, Goradwadi, Natepute, Bhamv, Motewadi, Taluka-Malshiras, District- Solapur;
11)	Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai – Executive Summary in Marathi and English is made available;

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.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, views, suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in 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 (EIA) of the Project Proponent, written suggestions/objections and minutes of the meeting in Marathi and English after approval of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai after taking note of the video recording of the said

meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same. He requested Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to inform Project Proponent to start the presentation.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson, the Project Environmental Consultant made a presentation about the project and the Environmental Management Plan.

Project Environment Consultant informed that, Project Proponent M/s. Shri Shankar Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Post – Sadashivnagar, Village-Purandawade, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur – 413 111, Maharashtra State has planned the expansion in their existing project of Distillery from 30 KLPD to 45 KLPD (B & C heavy molasses) and Sugar Crushing Capacity from 2,500 TCD to 7,000 TCD. Hence, there is no need of additional land requirement.

The estimated capital investment for the project expansion is expected to be Rs. 208.31 crore. Of this, 0.76%, or about Rs. 160.0 lakh, will be spent in future in various villages in the project area.

As per the guidelines of Central Pollution Control Board, 2,500 trees should be planted/available per hectare of land for green belt development. The total area of the factory is 3,30,820.0 sq.mtr.

The green belt area in the existing project is 59,655.0 sq.mtr. and about 10,000 trees have been planted. While under the expansion project, the green belt area will be 50,345.0 sq.mtr. and about 7,550 trees will be planted. That is, 33% of the total area of the project of 1,10,000.0 sq. mtr. will be developed as green belt.

Project Proponent is trying to conserve natural resources by adopting green technology in the industry. For this, it is proposed to adopt a rainwater harvesting system.

Rooftop harvesting will collect 6,552.0 cubic meters of rainwater from an area of 15,600 square meters, while surface harvesting will collect 39,967.0 cubic meters of water. The total capacity of the three tanks is 25.0 lakhs liters.

The domestic and industrial wastewater generated in the proposed project will be processed and reused in the project production process itself. Not a single drop of the processed wastewater will be discharged outside the project. The proposed project is a zero liquid discharge project.

Project Environmental Consultant, while concluding the presentation, said that this project will increase the revenue of the local Gram Panchayat. Also, local people will get employment opportunities. Due to this, there will be radical changes in the social and economic life of this place. This project is in the interest of the local area, the state of Maharashtra and the country.

After the presentation, Convener, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, appealed to all to submit environmental suggestions, views, and objections if any regarding the proposed project. While raising suggestions/objections, please inform your name, name of the village. If anybody has raised the views before, it should not be informed, so that other participants can be given opportunity

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed participants that the issues raised will be video recorded and the minutes of the public hearing will be prepared in Marathi and English. Hence, those who have to raise suggestions/objections, please raise your hand so that everyone can be given hand speaker to speak.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant/Environment Public Hearing Committee :-

1) Shri Vishnu Baban Bhongale, Ex. Sarpanch, Sadashivnagar Grampanchayat, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

After expansion of the project, whether Project Proponent will provide job opportunities to the people residing in the boundary of Sadashivnagar Gram Panchayat area and people residing near the project.

Project Proponent answered that management of the project has planned to expand the existing project of Distillery from 30 KLPD to 45 KLPD (B & C Heavy Molasses) and also Sugar Crushing Unit from 2,500 TCD to 7,000 TCD. As per the directives for staffing pattern by Sugar Commissionerate, Pune, there will be requirement of 200-250 local personnels/employees for expansion of the project. It means that 200-250 local people will get job opportunities.

2) Shri Devidas Mahadeo Dhope, Dy.Sarpanch, Purandavade Grampanchayat, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

Whether treated effluent will be released outside the factory?

Project Proponent answered that, as per the directives of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, in proposed expansion project, the domestic effluent will be treated in Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and industrial effluent will be treated in Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP). The treated effluent be recycled and reused in the production activities.

In the project, Condensate Polishing Unit (CPU) will be installed. The treated effluent will be sent to CPU for purification and after purification,

water will be recycled and reused in the production activities only. Not a drop of treated effluent will be released outside the factory. Permission for expansion will not be granted unless and until these directives are not followed.

3) Shri Sharad Bapurao Salunkhe, Progressive Farmer, Mandave, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

After expansion of the project, whether treated effluent generated after expansion can be used for agriculture purposes?

Project Proponent replied that after treatment of effluent, it will be sent to Condensate Polishing Unit (CPU) to treat the remaining harmful substances of the effluent. We are adopting this modern technology. Then purified waste water will be made usable for agriculture usages. Therefore, there is no problem in using treated wastewater for agriculture purposes.

4) Shri Shivaji Digambar Jadhav, Residence-Jadhavwadi, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

Will the compost that will be produced in the expansion project be made available to local farmers?

Project Proponent replied that the compost produced in the 30.0 KLPD project in the distillery project will be made available to farmers as fertilizer as used to made available in the past.

Since the expansion will be made up to 45 KLPD, the additional 15 KLPD of compost produced after expansion of distillery unit, a Dryer will be installed and compost will be converted into powder form. Powder Compost will also be made available to local farmers for sugarcane crop and also for any other crops.

5) Shri Vishnupant Anna Waghmode, Hon. Member, Bhamburdi Gram Panchayat, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

In which department new workers will be recruited in the proposed expansion project?

The expansion project will include a mill house, a boiler house, and most advanced system that will be implemented in the expansion project.

In each of those sections, i.e. excavation, fermentation, multi-effective evaporation etc., priority will be given to local people as per the requirement.

6) Shri Shivaji Digambar Jadhav, Residence-Jadhavwadi, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

Is there any need of requisite educational qualification to get employment opportunities in the project?

Project Proponent given answer that there is only condition for education is that person should have passed 10th or 12th standard. For technical positions, candidate should be an industrial diploma holder. The next condition is that those who have graduated from Vasantdada Sugar Institute (VSI), Manjari, District-Pune or NSI will be given preference in the project according to their experience.

7) Shri Shivraj Jagdish Nimbalkar, Residence-Yeliv, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

You said that the wastewater generated in the project will be purified and it will be made usable for agriculture purposes. We support this aim of project management. We support the expansion of the project.

8) Shri Laxman Aagatrao Pawar, Residence-Islampur, Taluka-Malshiras, District-Solapur:-

The expansion project is in the interest of the farmers. I congratulate Chairman and Board of Directors of the factory for this decision. Due to the expansion, the sugarcane crop of the local farmers will be crushed in time. Therefore, the farmers will be benefitted.

Hence, on behalf of my fellow villagers of Islampur, I congratulate the project promoters for the expansion project. I request that the expansion be approved immediately.

9) Shri Sunanda Reddy, an Environmentalist, Residence-Telangana State:-

A very beautiful green belt has been developed in the project. Congratulations to Project Management for this.

It takes a long time to get Environmental Clearance (EC) for any project. I am requesting Government of India to reduce the time limit of granting EC. However, the industry must get Environmental Clearance (EC) for any project within six months/one year.

I am an environmentalist and unemployment is the biggest polluter in our India. The factory here is going to provide employment opportunities to maximum people, congratulations to the factory management for that.

Congratulations to Project Proponent for developing a very beautiful green belt in the project. I request that medicinal plants and fruit bearing plants be planted while developing the green belt in the project.

Project Management is requested to give priority to as many as possible to local young boys and girls in the job opportunities.

Project Proponent have very good planning for rainwater harvesting (rooftop and tank) and it should be implemented properly.

Project Proponent should undertake Skill Development Training Programmes for local young boys and girls. Trained individuals should be given priority for employment contracts in the project. Those who cannot be given contracts in this project can get contracts in other industries.

I request Environmental Public Hearing Committee to grant Environmental Clearance to the proposed expansion project.

Here, Project Environmental Consultant assured that the project promoter will definitely consider the suggestions which have been raised.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined that reasonable time and enough opportunity is given to all participants to raise their suggestions, views or objections in respect of the proposed project in environmental angle.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that in this Environment Public Hearing, very relevant answers have been given by the Project Proponent and Project Environment Consultant to the suggestions, questions raised by the participants. It has been noted and will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Revised EIA report and written suggestions/objections as received alongwith minutes of meeting will be submitted after approval of Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to Environment & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai. An Expert Committee will take further decision.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee again appealed all participants to raise any suggestions/objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. There was no response from the participants.

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

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed herewith written suggestions / objections/ comments/
complaints as received with regards to Public hearing.



(Nikhil More)

Convener,
Environment Public Hearing
Committee
And
Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control
Board,
Solapur



(Babasaheb Kukade)

Member,
Environment Public Hearing
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Chairman,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Additional District Magistrate, Solapur
District – Solapur

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The following information was obtained from the
files of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of
Land Management.

Section 10, Township 10N, Range 10E, T10N, R10E, S10W

Acres 100.00
Total 100.00

Section 11, Township 10N, Range 10E, T10N, R10E, S10W
(Partial Section)

Acres 100.00
Total 100.00
Section 12, Township 10N, Range 10E, T10N, R10E, S10W
Acres 100.00
Total 100.00
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