

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGARCANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 5000TCD TO 10,000TCD, CAPACITY OF CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT FROM 30MW TO 60MW OF M/S. BILAGI SUGAR MILL LTD., AT SY. NO. 7, 92, 93, 195, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203 & 206 OF BADAGANDI VILLAGE, BILAGI TALUK AND BAGALKOT DISTRICT.

DATE : 05.12.2018

TIME : 11.00AM

VENUE : AT PROJECT SITE

M/s. Bilagi Sugar Mill Ltd., at Sy. No. 7, 92, 93, 195, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203 & 206 of Badagandi village, Bilagi Taluk and Bagalkot District, Karnataka State has proposed to undertake following projects.

- To undertake proposed expansion of sugarcane crushing capacity from 5000TCD to 10,000TCD.
- Capacity Of Co-Generation Power Plant from 30MW to 60MW.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECT LOCATION

Sy. No. 7, 92, 93, 195, 198, 199, 201, 202, 203 & 206 of Badagandi village, Bilagi Taluk and Bagalkot District, Karnataka State.

OFFICERS PRESENT

The public hearing was conducted as per EIA notification of MoEF, Government of India 14-09-2006 & amendment notification 01-12-2009.

Public Hearing Panel

Public Hearing Panel Members Present		
1	Shri. K G Shantharam, I.A.S., The Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District.	Chairman
2	Shri. M A Maniyar, District Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Bagalkot.	Member

REPRESENTATIVES OF M/s. Bilagi Sugar Mill Ltd.,(PROJECT PROPONENT)

1.	Shri A A Aziz	Executive Vice President
2.	Shri R G Patil	Deputy General Manager(Cane)
3.	Shri G Suresh	Deputy Manager(Process)
4.	Shri P S Hinganalli	General Manager(Technical)
5.	Shri M S Sonar	Chief Chemist
6.	Shri H Halagali	Environmental Engineer

7.	Shri Subhash Biradar	Assistant Manager
8.	Shri R R Mantal	Chief Accountant
9.	Shri Hemant Raj Kumar	Environmental Consultant

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the MoEF and it is mandatory that, an Environmental Public Hearing at the project site is to be held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or an officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter no. SEIAA 10 IND 2018, Dated: 28-05-2018 and the concurrence of the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot letter dated: 15-10-2018, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 05-12-2018 at the Project Site, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the paper Notification 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Praja Vani" and English Daily Newspaper "Times of India" dated: 03-11-2018. And in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Sanje Darshana" on 06-11-2018.

The suggestions / views / comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental groups and others located at the Project site and are likely to be affected by the expansion were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc. Either orally or written or through E-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification.

The copy of the EIA draft report and Executive summary of the EIA report both in Kannada and English were placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot
- The Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zillah Panchayat, Bagalkot
- The District Industries and Commerce Centre, Bagalkot
- The Town Municipal Council, Bilagi, Bagalkot-Dist.
- The Gram Panchayat Office, Girisagar village, Tq: Bilagi and Dist Bagalkot.
- The Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Zonal Office, Dharwad.
- The Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot.
- The Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th floor, E&F Wings, 17th main road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bangalore.
- Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Ground Floor, No.49, Church Street, Bangalore.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing panel Bagalkot verified the notifications issued in the newspapers and ascertained whether sufficient publicity had been made as required under the statute.

The Regional office K.S.P.C.B., Bagalkot received three E-mails/letters till 04-12-2018.

- Shri Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Nalagouda District, Telangana State, Dated: 12-11-2018.
- Shri H Madhubabu, Dated: 12/11/2018,
- Shri. M Maruti Prasad, Environmentalist, Guntur, Dated: 04/12/2018, these copies are enclosed as Annexure-1.

On 05-12-2018, the day fixed for public hearing, Sri M. A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot extended a warm welcome to the Deputy Commissioner Bagalkot and to all the public, all the officials of different departments, elected representatives and members and the Staff of the Company who were present.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification, and informed that, accordingly publicity was given in the newspapers 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public hearing and the documents kept for the Public Hearing. He requested the Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing and requested the Public to interact and to give their views/opinion about the project and to present all their submissions either in writing or orally. The proceedings will be video graphed.

On behalf of M/s. Ultra Tech Pvt Ltd., Environmental Consultant, Thane., the Environmental Consultants, Sri Hemant Raj Kumar, presented the Power Point presentation of the objectives of the propose project, the Environmental base line data, present scenario of existing environment in the project area. The impact of the project on the environment, Environment Management Plan, measures proposed to control/ mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection. The hardcopy of the presentations made in the public hearing is enclosed with this proceeding as Annexure-02.

Leaders of various political parties, villagers from surrounding villages, NGOs, Students, press and other interested parties, attended the Public Hearing. List of participants, who attended the Public Hearing, is enclosed as Annexure-03.

The Deputy Commissioner requested all the participants to submit their views and comments in writing also, if any to the Chair. In the Public hearing 01 person expressed his views and are as stated below:

Shri Nandabasappa S Choudhari, Kolhar.

- He informed that, 35 years back, the surrounding villagers used to transport the sugarcane to the Gangavati Sugar Factory. He thanked the factory authorities for establishing the factory in nearby area.
- He expressed his happiness towards the proposed expansion of sugarcane crushing of capacity from 5,000TCD to 10,000TCD and capacity of Co-Generation Power Plant from 30MW to 60MW.
- The existing industry already provided the adequate employment to the youths. By undertaking the proposed project further more employment opportunities will be generated.
- He informed that, the industry authorities already established schools, banks and clinics in nearby villages which are very helpful to the surrounding villagers.
- He informed that, there are some advantages and disadvantages from the proposed project.
- He requested the factory authorities to undertake all the necessary environmental pollution control measures and adopt latest technologies to combat environmental pollution. It should not cause any ill effects on the health of the surrounding people.

SHREE. K G SHANTHARAM, I A S, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BAGALKOT HAS SUMMED UP THE PROCEEDINGS AFTER PERUSING THE DOCUMENTATION, LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC AND RECORDING, WHAT IS IN PUBLIC INTEREST AS UNDER.

1. The demands, views, grievances & suggestions submitted by of the local people in the public hearing meeting will be viewed seriously.
2. Undertake stringent dust control measures & dust suppression systems to combat the dust emissions generated during the operations. The emission levels in the surrounding areas shall be maintained well below the stipulated standards.

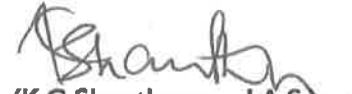
3. KSPCB shall ensure that the project proponents adopt the best available technologies in prevention & control of the emissions. The stack & Ambient Air Quality monitoring values are to be maintained within the stipulated standards.
4. Rain water harvesting and water shed management plan should be implemented.
5. He informed that the Company will provide employment, education, health facilities and other amenities as promised by them and in case of any violations shall be viewed seriously and appropriate action shall be taken.
6. The company will ensure the zero discharge from the plant which ensures that, there will be no contamination of the water bodies during the process.
7. The company will undertake socio-economic development schemes and programs in the surrounding villages.
8. The CSR costing should be as per actual and should not include a separate line item, etc for deliberate buffering to take care of inflation in the CSR time bound action plan submitted. Also, wherever explicitly increase in contribution or execution has been delineated with regards to inflation year on year on a compounding bases, this has to be scrupulously followed and in this CSR should not include existing item/Assets. The action plan includes implementation after public hearing report submission date.
9. Plantation of trees in factory and nearby areas – 10000 sampling per year over next 5 years and maintain the green belt, and maintain the trees in association with Gram Panchayat and Forest department.
10. The emissions discharges from both point and non point sources generated during the operation should not affect the reserve forest at any point of time.

The Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkot, while addressing the meeting said that the appeals, suggestions, complaints and grievances of the Public have been recorded through video and the same would be made into CDs and the proceedings of the meeting, as it is, would be sent to the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of Karnataka for further action.

After hearing the above discussions, the Chairman informed that based on the remarks and views received from the public, who have attended the environmental public hearing, the recommendations will be sent to Government of Karnataka while considering permission to proposed projects with conditions that the project proponents shall take all precautionary measures during the establishment and operation of the Unit by following guidelines / norms / conditions / directions / standards stipulated by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and other competent authorities.

At the end, Shri M A Maniyar, Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Regional Office Bagalkot has bid the vote of thanks to Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, Asst Commissioner Bagalkot, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Dharwad, other departmental officials and to the Management and staff of industry. He also extended his thanks to the public, other dignitaries, press and police staff for the support extended during course of meeting.

Thereafter, the public hearing was concluded & hence the proceedings.


(K G Shantharam., I.A.S.)

Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Bagalkot, Karnataka.

