

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 02-09-2022 AT 11.00 A.M IN RESPECT OF M/S. JAMAKHANDI SUGARS LIMITED, UNIT-2, PROPOSED TO INCREASE THE EXISTING SUGAR INDUSTRY SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 3500 TCD TO 10,000 TCD, EXISTING CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT CAPACITY FROM 27 MW TO 34.5 MW AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DISTILLERY UNIT OF 300 KLPD USING C/B MOLASSES OR 450 KLPD USING SUGAR CANE SYRUP AND NEW CAPTIVE POWER PLANT OF 4 MW AT SY. NO. 91/5, 92/1, 92/1C, 93/1A, 93/1B, 93/1D, 93/1E, 93/2, 94/1, 94/2, 94/3, 95/1, 95/4, 121/4, 121/6, 121/8, 149/2, 150/1, 151/(P), 173/2, 173/4, 175/7 & 175/8, NAD K.D. VILLAGE, INDI TALUK, VIJAYAPURA DISTRICT

DATE: 02-09-2022

TIME: 11 AM

VENUE: At SY. NO. 91/5, 92/1, 92/1C, 93/1A, 93/1B, 93/1D, 93/1E, 93/2, 94/1, 94/2, 94/3, 95/1, 95/4, 121/4, 121/6, 121/8, 149/2, 150/1, 151/(P), 173/2, 173/4, 175/7 & 175/8, Nad K.D. Village, Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District

OFFICERS PRESENT

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

<u>Public Hearing Panel Members Present</u>		
1	Shri. Ramesh Kalsad, K.A.S Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur.	Chairman
2	Sri.S.Madhusudhan, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Kalburgi.	Member
3.	Sri. M A Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapur.	Member

<u>Representatives of the project</u>		
1.	Shri. S. Nandkumar	Environmnetal Consultant
2.	Shri. Kartik N.S.	Environmental Consultant
3.	Shri. G. Madhavraju	CEO-JSL unit-II
4	Shri. Rajneesh Verma	GM-JSL unit-II
5	Shri. B.B. Dorle	JSL unit-II
6	Shri. A.S. Karni	JSL unit-II
7	Shri. S.B. Mavinahalli	JSL unit-II
8	Shri. Mahantesh N. Kittur	JSL unit-II
9	Shri. Vitthal B. Kallur	JSL unit-II
10	Shri. S. Krishnappa	JSL unit-II
11	Shri. Suresh Gotur	JSL unit-II
12	Shri. M.S. Biradar	JSL unit-II
13	Shri. M.A. Jahagirdar	JSL unit-II
14	Shri. R.B. Jogshetti	JSL unit-II

Names of the public participated	Copy enclosed as Annexure-1
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PREAMBLE:

M/s Jamakhandi Sugars Limited, Unit-2, proposed to increase the existing Sugar Industry sugar cane crushing capacity from 3500 TCD to 10,000 TCD, existing Co-generation Power Plant capacity from 27 MW to 34.5 MW and establishment of new Distillery unit of 300 KLPD using C/B molasses or 450 KLPD using sugar cane syrup and new Captive Power Plant of 4 MW at sy. no. 91/5, 92/1, 92/1C, 93/1A, 93/1B, 93/1D, 93/1E, 93/2, 94/1, 94/2, 94/3, 95/1, 95/4, 121/4, 121/6, 121/8, 149/2, 150/1, 151/(P), 173/2, 173/4, 175/7 & 175/8, Nad K.D. Village, Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 01-12-2009 of Department of Ecology and Environment, it is mandatory to conduct a public hearing of the above said project. According to F. No. IA-J-11011/72/2021-1A-II(I), dated 05-03-2021 Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Impact Assessment Division), after finalizing the Terms of Reference (TOR),has directed the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct the Environmental Public Hearing. The project proponent has also requested the Board to conduct the public hearing as per Notification.

The project proponent has submitted the Executive Summary of the said project in Kannada and English along with draft REIA to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bengaluru as laid down in the procedures of the EIA Notification (as amended on 01-12-2009). The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has issued Paper Notification in

State level leading Kannada daily newspaper Vijaya Karnataka and leading English daily newspaper Deccan Herald on 01-08-2022 and also issued Paper Notification in District level local newspaper Satya Kranti on 03-08-2022 regarding the proposed project by inviting objections/suggestions from the bonafide residents, NGO's, Environmentalists and general public who are affected from the proposed project, either by attending the public hearing/in writing/by e-mail to KSPCB and Chairman & Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura District, (Earlier: Bijapur District) of public hearing panel.

The Environmental Public Hearing commenced at 11.00 AM on 02-09-2022 and welcome speech was made by Sri. M.A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapura. He also explained the purpose of meeting and explained the need of conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the project which proposed to increase the existing Sugar Industry sugar cane crushing capacity from 3500 TCD to 10,000 TCD, existing Co-generation Power Plant capacity from 27 MW to 34.5 MW and establishment of new Distillery unit of 300 KLPD using C/B molasses or 450 KLPD using sugar cane syrup and new Captive Power Plant of 4 MW at sy. no. 91/5, 92/1, 92/1C, 93/1A, 93/1B, 93/1D, 93/1E, 93/2, 94/1, 94/2, 94/3, 95/1, 95/4, 121/4, 121/6, 121/8, 149/2, 150/1, 151/(P), 173/2, 173/4, 175/7 & 175/8, Nad K.D. Village, Indi Taluk, Vijayapura District by M/. Jamakhandi Sugars Limited, Unit-2.

There after he informed the project proponent to present the case before the committee and the public present, before suggestions/objections could be invited.

Sri. S. Nandakumar, on behalf of M/s. M/s. Samrakshan, Swastik Manandi Arcade, SC Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru who is the project consultant of M/s. Jamakhandi Sugars Limited, Unit-2 briefed in detail about the proposed to increase the existing Sugar Industry sugar cane crushing capacity from 3500 TCD to 10,000 TCD, existing Co-generation Power Plant capacity from 27 MW to 34.5 MW and establishment of new Distillery unit of 300 KLPD using C/B molasses or 450 KLPD using sugar cane syrup and new Captive Power Plant of 4 MW, history and activities of the company, total extent of land available, availability of raw material, sources of water, Sugar Cane Crushing, Distillery Plant and Co-generation Power Plant, products manufactured and by products generation, mode of collection and its disposal, waste water generation and its mode of treatment and disposal and air pollution sources and the control measures adopted in the unit.

Further, the company consultant highlighted the geography of the area, proposed land use plan, Afforestation, manufacturing process of Sugar Cane Crushing, Production of Ethanol and Co-generation Power Plant unit. The consultant explained about the likely impacts on the environment arising due to proposed integrated unit, through prediction studies and by compiling the base line data collected within a distance of 11.00 KM radius on Air, Water and Noise qualities, ecology of the area and socio-economic details. The project proponent is planning to take up the preventive measures on Water and Air pollution control measures, green belt development.

After the detailed presentation on the proposed project, the Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Vijayapura informed to the public that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board issued Paper Notification in the leading newspapers on the proposed project establishment by inviting objections/suggestions from the public. Then he invited the public who were present at the meeting to express their comments/views/suggestions on the proposed project.

Accordingly, the following persons came ahead and expressed their views on the proposed project activity;

1. **Sri.P.D.Jathimani, Nad k.d village:**

- He began by expressing his appreciation towards the factory and mentioned that this factory was established 10 years ago and it is the most beneficial thing ever happened to this village.
- He also adds that, prior to the establishment of the factory, the farmers of this region use to burn the excess sugarcane crops produced, but later, after establishing the factory this concern of the farmers was addressed and the farmers are immensely benefitted now and even 100 acres of land in this region is getting adequate water supply.
- He concludes by assuring that this factory has always brought benefits to this region and to people of this region. He further adds that this factory cannot bring misery to this region nor it can cause environmental issues.

2. **Sri.Srimanth Kariappa Tavarkare, Nad k.d village:**

- He began by offering his respects to the dignitaries on the stage and he expressed that he is also one among the many who has given their lands in order to establish this factory.

- Aftermath, they had no conflicts whatsoever with respect to anything with the factory authorities.
- He also mentions that not only his village, the other villages that are in close proximity to the factory has no issues at all with the factory.
- He concludes by saying that these endeavors have benefitted this region and people of this region immensely and thereby he wishes that this region will continue to prosper under these endeavors.

3. Sri. Suresh Gurappa Sadargond Nad k.d. village:

- He began by assuring that this industry has not caused any minutest problems to the villagers, all it has done is shower immense benefits to this region and to the farmers of this region.
- He further says that, before 2006, the farmers use to burn their excess sugarcane crops and use to look for jobs elsewhere leaving our own fields.
- He concluded by saying that the factory has not caused any problems whatsoever, neither to the people of this village nor to the environment.

4. Sri. Malkan Shanmukappa Malkar, Golsar Village:

- He began by saying that the sugar factory has benefitted in terms of the infrastructure. The roads and the water supply facilities have made their lives extremely easier.
- He concluded by thanking all the dignitaries on the stage.

5. Sri. Mehaboob Mohammad Anif Nadaf, Nad k.d. village:

- He just expresses his happiness over the establishment of the factory and mentions it has benefitted them greatly and concludes.

6. Sri. Pandita Shankrappa Tagdi, sakinwade village:

- He began remembering the old times when farmers producing sugarcane were dependant on Bevanoor sugar factory.
- He says the capacity of the factory was less and hence the farmers who were left with excess crops used to burn the crops or sell them at cheaper prices causing immense difficulties to them.

- Hence he says that late Sri. Siddu Nyamagouda sir was requested to establish a factory in this region and heeding to the request made by the farmers, a sugar factory was established in this region and the problems of the farmers were addressed completely.
- He concluded by praising the kind of development that is happening in the nation and expresses his appreciation about the same.

7. **Sri. Sahebgouda Parmananda Maigalli, Nad k.d. village:**

- He began expressing his fear, at time when this factory was not established yet. He says it was really horrible to reach their respective lands because of the kind of roads that were present before.
- He adds especially during the rainy season it was really difficult to reach their respective fields.
- He feels that after the establishment of this factory the infrastructure of this region has developed in leaps and bounds, the roads and water supply, the two most basic amenities for a smooth life has happened only after the establishment industry.
- He concluded by thanking all the dignitaries on the dias.

8. **Sri. Khenu Kasiram Chavan, Kesraltanda Village:**

- He began straight away explaining how beneficial this factory has been in the lives of everyone in this region, irrespective of the age group.
- He says any sort of development that can be seen in this region is because of this factory, without this it would have been nothing in this region.
- He says he was involved in various occupations before and in various places and after taking various activities.
- He suggested to grow sugarcane crops and was assured that all the crops will be purchased in the upcoming year by the factory authorities.
- He says that he followed the suggestions and as assured that he was paid well for his crops the next year due to which he was able to achieve financial stability.

9. **Sri. Sarannaiha Siddlingaihah math, Sirshad Village:**

- He began by expressing respect towards the dignitaries.
- He remembers his old days and the kind of fear they were into with respect to production of the sugarcane. Even though if they were using just one acre or two acres of land to produce sugarcane.
- He mentions that in the present scenario, the sugar factory that has established in this region has enabled them to take a leap of faith by producing sugarcane in more than what was anticipated.
- He adds that this year in this sugar factory approximately 9 lakh ton of sugarcane was crushed and no farmer who had grown sugarcane had incurred loss because of less demand.
- He concluded praising the factory authorities in their attempt to maintain a viable environment.
- He says there are some factories who fail to curb foul smell when we are in close proximity, but it is fascinating to witness that this factory has no such foul smell ever.

Sri. Shankar Hugar, Nad k.d Village.

- He began by expressing the visibility of the progress made by the farmers in monetary terms.
- He is explaining the same mentions that at his younger age they used to produce variety of the crops and use to yield 3 quintals per acre which would fetch 15,000 to 20,000 rupees.
- He further adds that in the present days they produce sugarcane upto 30 to 35 tons and one acre of the land is fetching them 80,000 to 1,00,000 rupees.
- He concludes by saying that this factory has really benefitted them a lot.

10 **Sri. Ramanagouda Siddangouda Malipati, Jewargi Village:**

- He says he was a worker in M/s. Renuka sugar ltd and left the job from there to work in this factory and he feels that he is really benefitted by joining this factory.

- He further mentions that this factory every year used to crush around 3,00,000 ton of sugarcane. But this year 7,00,000 tonnes of sugarcane crushing has been done and he credits workers of the factory for achieving this feat.
- He mentions that this factory established by late Sri. Siddu Nyarnagouda has really benefitted the people of this region.
- He expresses his concern with respect to the usage of water from canal. He opines that though government has built canals in this region, it has failed to help the people in utilizing to the great extent; there are no adequate water supply facilities to the respective fields.
- He therefore requests the authorities and the government to help them advance the water supply facilities, so that the farmers of this region achieve still more prosperity in their respective lives.
- He concluded by thanking all the dignitaries on the stage.

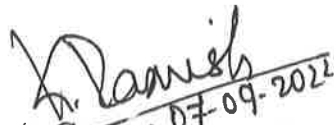

11 Sri. Shivayogi Sidappa, Nad.k.d Village:

- He began by thanking all the dignitaries and the people for gathering to this event.
- He says that there was a time where it was fearful to even grow sugarcane in one acre of land as the Bevanoor sugar factory had various demands with the quality of the crop. But when it was known that the sugar factory was going to be established in this region then my father forced me to grow sugarcane in 4 acres of land as we were confident that the sugar factory in this region would buy our crops at any cost.
- He concluded by mentioning that there were no demands place by this factory and he expressed his happiness that this factory has really improved economic condition of the people in this region.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel while addressing the meeting said that the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India for further action.

Shri. M.A.Manniyar, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapura thanked Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Panel, Shri. Ramesh Kalsad, K.A.S Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura and Shri.S.Madhusudhan, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, Kalaburgi and all the people gathered at the event, for successfully completing the proceedings of the Public Hearing and concluded the event.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.


07-09-2022
Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Panel,
Vijayapura District, Vijayapura.

7.9.2022

