

Proceeding of the Public Hearing of proposed expansion of the existing M/s. Shiraguppi Sugar Ltd. Sy.No-. 23/A, 36/1A, 4A, 40/1, 40/2B, 48/2A+B, 48/1E+P+G+2A+2B, 49/1+2A/3, 49/2B+3A, 49/3B, 49/4, 50/1,2,3,4,5, 52/1+12A/1, 53/1+2+3, 54/1A, 54/2B & 54/1B+2A Kagwad Village, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District, Karnataka State have proposed expansion of Sugar Cane crushing from 4000 TCD to 10000 TCD , Co-generation capacity from 15 MW to 60 MW and to install new distillery unit of capacity 120 KLPD. In this regard Public Hearing is conducted on 24.06.2019.

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Name & Address of the Industry : M/s. Shiraguppi Sugar Ltd., Kagwad Village, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District, Karnataka State.

Name of the Officers Present : Annexure - 1

Representatives of the expansion Project Present : Annexure - 2

Details of Public Participated : Annexure - 3

Written Views submitted by the public : Annexure - 4

Power Point Presentation Made in the Public hearing : Annexure - 5

Reply given by the industry representatives for the concerns expressed by the public. : Annexure - 6

Preamble:

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (amended to date), it is pre requisite for such project to conduct Environment public hearing prior to award of Environment Clearance. Accordingly Director, MoEF, GOI has finalized the standards terms of Reference of the said project vide letter dated: 09-11-2018 and informed M/s. Shiraguppi Sugar Ltd., Kagwad Village, Athani-Taluk, Belagavi-District, Karnataka State to request KSPCB to conduct Environment public hearing. The project proponent vide letter Dated 25-01-2019 requested KSPCB to conduct public hearing. Hence the Environment Public Hearing is conducted at the project site by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board under the Chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi.

The project proponent has submitted the detailed EIA report and Executive Summary in Kannada and English to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution control Board gave the Notification 30 days in an advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in English daily news paper dated: 24-05-2019 "THE HINDU" and Kannada daily news paper "VIJAYVANI" & "KANNADAMMA" local edition dated: 25-05-2019. The suggestions/ views, comments and objection of the interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at the project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited and project affected people could send their views either orally or in written or through email to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Deputy commissioner, Belagavi Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee.

The Environment public hearing was held on 24-06-2019 under the chairmanship of Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, Belagavi.

The Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Belgaum-2 extended warm welcome to Dr. Boodeppa H B, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate and also extended welcome to the Tashildhar of Kagwad, officers of the different Departments, representatives of the project, all surrounding villagers , public, media and environmentalists. They briefly explained the procedure of the Public hearing and about the project documents kept for the Public Hearing at different offices. The Additional Deputy Commissioner and Additional District Magistrate and also the Presiding officers of the Environment Public Hearing meeting to start the proceedings. Later instructed to the industry representative and their consultants to make the presentation about the expansion project to the public.

While doing presentation the public started to obstruct the presentation. When public started to express their views at that time Dr. H B Boodeppa, Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional District Magistrate, informed that, as already environmental officer told everyone will get opportunity to tell about the unit expansion. You should express your opinions one by one by telling your name and place, we will record and send it as it is. I will give chance to everyone you can express openly for half an hour or an hour, and we came here to record your opinions and asked project representative to continue the presentation. Accordingly

industry representative and Environment Consultant of M/s Equinox Environment (I) (P) Ltd, for the project explained about the environment impacts and mitigation measures recommended for the proposed expansion of the Shiraguppi Sugar Ltd. The copy of the power point presentation is also enclosed with the proceedings vide **Annexure-5**.

The opinion expressed by the public is as follows.

1. Sri. Nathgouda Patil, Kagwad:

Due to the injustice to the farmers, 30-40 farmers started to do strike, but industrialists have registered case against farmers. They took loan on agriculture land for travelling to Dahrwad High Court. For this give reason first. They have given some rules to Gram Panchayat. But now they are telling that they had not given any rules in writing, they told as they are paying 20 Lakhs per annum to the Gram Panchayat. How much amount is paid and to whom it was given that they have to say in this meeting and also they have given in writing about making roads, not a single road is made for Kagwad village, and why they filed cheating case against the farmers.

While taking lands for the industry they gave assurance that, they will give job to one boy from the family who will give land to them. Around 10-15 members of Kagwad village were only working here. HR of this industry told they want boys from outside 18 Km, then they should establish the industry outside 18 Km away from Kagwad and why they want industry here? One poor boy approached 10 times to their office. Some of the boys are having laundry shop for their regular life. That boy gave hundred applications, but there is no any reply from industry. Now production of sugar is enough, ethanol and distillery are not required. If you establish the spirit then where these people should go. I don't have my own land but there is injustice for these people, so we fight on behalf of them and ready to go remand also. No jobs for lower caste people, total 34 people gave their lands in that no one got job here. No one is there to ask those people. You want their lands but why you don't want their children's. Industrial authorities have to answer for all above issues.

2. Sri. Shashikant Joshi, Kagwad:

Earlier on 20-08-2010, they have sent request letter to Gram Panchayat that we want to make one project for 2800 MT sugar cane crushing 40 MW electricity and 120 KLPD Distillery. From PDO they took no objection, without any intimation to Gram Panchayat members. This is first offense. The second one is when they issued no dues, that time they set some of the terms and conditions. Till today those terms and conditions are not fulfilled, so this is also an offence. After that Gram Panchayat set a proceeding, in that issued proceeding notice to pay tax on yearly basis to Gram Panchayat. We brought all the copies of the notice which are already issued many times, the copies will be handed over to you. Based on these, justice should be done and total Rs.17,91,088/- tax should be paid. By telling frequently also, till today it's been 9 years they didn't paid any tax. If they are not paying any tax, than how it is this possible to develop Gram Panchayat and who will bear the loss of Gram Panchayat. Karnataka State pollution control Board representative have are also came here, I want to rise one question to them that which all

criteria's industry has they followed?, they should be answerable to this. How much water is getting filtered and getting reused. But any farmers or farmer's son should openly tell that exactly what is happening. Second thing is you should inspect some of the bore well, open well. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board should examine this water and tell what is there in that. Here the people are suffering a lot. They give big speech to get their work done. Sugar cane for crushing and sugar cane jurisdiction the Government has set so many criteria. They should tell openly that on which criteria they are operating their industry. Like this our village farmers and labors requested to industrial authorities as they are facing so many problems and how many times they responded for our problems. Whether you are giving permission or not that is secondary but the things which are happened in the past should be rectified. Karnataka State Pollution Control Board should give details of bore well, open well water usage and disposal report to us because they set boards of public hearing all the sides. It is their responsibility or else we have to give in writing about committing mass suicide. Finally they concluded their speech by telling that depending upon all this you have to do the justice.

3. Sri. Annahuti, Kagwad:

In the last year 2017-18 they did crushing. That time they told that they will pay Rs.2900, but they paid only rupees 2000 and later paid Rs.500. As per sugar cane control Act rules, within 14 days if you failed to give the bill, then you should give by adding 15% interest. Neglect the 15% interest, even they are not giving FRP also and why they want the expansion? We don't want any expansion don't give the permission to this industry.

4. Sri. Anil Pandurang Kore, Kagwad:

It's been 9 years they are operating the sugar industry from 2010-11. From 3 years 12-13, 13-14 and 14-15 industrial water is coming in the surrounding farmers agricultural lands. Regarding this respect Village Accountant Mr. Chougale did inspection and told that total loss is one crore 70 thousand rupees. About this they have not taken any consideration. He told farmers should get facilities.

5. Sri Rajendra Kourav, Kagwad :

Last year we went to the Corporate Office of the industry for sugar cane bill. From there they kicked us out, when we went to ask bill that time they sent us out by holding hands.

6. Sri. Raju Chouhan, Kagawad:

Lower caste people were not recruited in the industry. What they should eat by losing their lands. That time respected Additional Deputy Commissioner has asked him to give his opinion. For that they assured us about giving jobs but they didn't give it to anyone. In those 34 people are there, then too no one got the job. I request to give job for them.

7. Sri Boraganve, Chandur:

This industry is established in the year 2011. Before that in this part, the farmers had inconvenience to send sugarcane to the industry. In the year 1994-1995 they

cropped sugarcane & thrown on the road. The ex-minister of Karnataka Mr. Megannavar & Mr. Doddannavar thought to do convenient for the farmers in this part and to increase the economic condition, they established M/s. Shiraguppi Sugar Ltd., Kagwad Village, Athani Taluk, Belagavi District. We all are happy for this and we are getting good Sugarcane. To get profit for farmers and also to the industry before only they could have started distillery & Co-gen. At last Before 2 years they could have established distillery the farmers would have got more benefits. While telling all the public started to raise the questions, so he could not complete his opinion.

8. Sri Maruti Kunal, Kagwad:

Pollution Control Board representatives have come here to get public opinion about the environmental effects. They came here to get public views about the expansion of industry & expansion of co-gen, also due to production of ethanol what will be effect on effects bio diversity. Here so many problems & requirements are there. For those, this is not the correct platform. For that particular campaign should be done like Gujarat & Maharashtra to fix the price of sugarcane at the FRP level. Accordingly to carry out 10000 crushing there is no objection. Because we are sugarcane growers, as our economic crop is sugarcane, so expansion from 4000 to 10000 will be good news, but let me tell you that farmers can get competitive rates. For this I don't have any objection but they are establishing co-gen plant. The ash coming from this should not affect the surrounding people. To prevent & to preserve environment from harmful effects and pollution control board should set the criteria's & management should follow the same, and then all the units should establish. The farmers issues to be addressed and cases should not be filed in future. For us also it is one of the pride moment. One of the biggest industries is established in our jurisdiction. The people who are living here should get the jobs at higher proportion. According to environmental pollution act it is compulsory to do plantation within 10 km premises. Surrounding ground water is polluted in the early days. Before establishment of industry we got pure water but now a day's bore well & well water is polluted in such a way that it cannot be used for drinking purpose. For this also action should taken and within 10 km premises Gram Panchayat the industry should spend 2.5 % of investment for the overall development. My opinion is if the industrialist follows the directions correctly, then you should give permission to them.

9. Sri. Arun Joshi, Kagawad:

I extend warm welcome to expansion of this industry. My request is I want to talk in Marathi language. I am the farmer, Ex-member of Gram panchayat also, I am environmental lover. In this meeting my first request is, in this place there are so many mistakes happened. Those all should be corrected first. In the year 1996 the industry got permission to establish. After that in the year 2011 the industry is started, at that time, I was vice president of Gram Panchayat. That time one meeting was conducted in presence of management of the industry in Gram Panchayat and some decisions were taken. Till today those decisions are not followed by the industry. In that main point is industry should spend money for farmers, road and street lamps.

For the expansion of 4000-10000 of this industry, there is no opposition of any farmers. It is necessary to implement production of ethanol, this is one of the by product. Only by crushing sugar cane it will be difficult to give increase in the bill amount for farmers. For this production of by-product is necessary. I would like to support expansion to 10000, 120 KLPD ethanol unit. In the foregoing subject all are having some issues, so what I want tell to industrial management is already farmers have given lands to the industry, so you should take those farmers for jobs in your industry.

They told that 93% of water will recycle. According to that out of 100% only 93% is recycled and what about remaining 7%. They told this 7% water is polluted water, they shall tell what action they are taking for solid waste. One more important thing I want to tell to government and management that one industry located nearby us in Maharashtra, they are giving rupees 2870 for per ton of sugar cane, but you told that you will give rupees 3000 per ton, but as per my knowledge you gave only 2870 rupees. For farmers convenience, government should fix bill according to FRP.

For the expansion of this industry no one has objection. But if you are doing plantation then there will not be any pollution. One more most important thing is according to sugar cane Act farmers should get bill within 14 days for their sugar cane, if it happened they will lead happy life, along with this another request is you should take care that to do justice to the farmers of this place, there should not be any injustice with neighboring village farmers and you filed case against the farmers. On behalf of Kagawad people, I would like to request industry management to withdrawn the case against farmers.

10. Smt. Manjula, Chitradurga:

I would like to tell you that, we are expressing only our views instead we don't have feeling of any opposition towards you. My name is Smt. Manjula NGO from Chitradurga. I would like to thank to the chair person and press reporter and police staff, pollution control board representative. While talking, in between one of the public raised question i.e. Do you know how many industries are there in Belagavi District? For this Smt. Manjula answered that she know about the same Again they asked how many? At that time Smt. Manjula told, I know that's why I came here to talk, so please give me an opportunity to express my views. Respected Additional Deputy Commissioner told public to give chance to talk to Smt. Manjula and later Additional Deputy Commissioner told to Smt. Manjula to give written statement about her views in the meeting as public raised objection for her participation.

11. Sri. Ajit Kourav, Kagwad:

Already farmers have proposed some requirement from proposed project. These requirements should be full filled completely by 100% as early as possible. All the problems should be solved early. As Arun Joshi told, according to FRP you paid up to 2500, in adjacent states according to FRP they paid Rs. 3050, 3000, 2800, 2700. In the same way you also should try to make payment. For farmers there is no nature support, in river also water scarcity is there in the summer season, the crop yield also is not good and the fertilizers also very costly. There is no profit for farmers. Kindly fulfill all demands of farmers. For expansion of distillery and ethanol unit, farmers will not be having any objection. While expressing his opinion, the

public did not allow him to explain his views. Afterwards he told that management should take decision after complete examination.

12. Sri. Deepak Shinde, Kagwad:

I am basically from Kagawad, Athani Taluk. The main demand of the farmers of this area is no need of distillery. If they are adopting eco-friendly methods to avoid environment pollution, then there is no opposition. But one problem is that industry is not giving rate according to FRP to the farmers. Already because of drought, the people are suffering for drinking water. Industrialists are using lakhs of gallon water from Krishna River. But in summer season, why they can't give 2-3 tanker of water to the public? In every summer they should do water supply to villagers. Industrialists on priority supply water to these farmers from whom they are taking sugarcane. If in case any loss to the farmers then not only Government but industry also have to give compensation. First they fix rate for sugarcane, then from production of sugar they get lots of profit. Whenever farmers are in loss at that time industry should compensate for farmers. These are the main two requirements. No need of distillery is the main demand, for that also my support is there. At last he expressed that distillery is not required.

13. Sri Nagen halli, Haveri District, Ranebennur Taluka:

I wish good luck to the Shirguppi sugars management, members & I wish surrounding villages should be developed by this Company. I am from Ranebennur taluka serving as social worker in Samagra Parivarthana Samudaaya NGO. I am neither giving statement in anyone favor nor against to anyone. My intention is your opinion itself. On behalf of you, I request respected Additional Deputy Commissioner & Management of Shiraguppi Sugars to get CSR for the neighboring Kagwad village and the farmers have objection that the tax is not paid in time. So I request industry to clear Gram Panchayat tax & who all didn't got jobs in the adjacent villages, you give jobs to them. Road, canal & water problem is there. About their problems discuss in details with Additional Deputy Commissioner and Management of industry to get solutions. I believe that in this way you will solve all the problems I extend my good wishes to these villagers & Shirguppi Company also. At last I conclude my speech by submitting letter to the respected Additional Deputy Commissioner which was in written to MOEF.

14. Sri B. V. Reddi, Bellary:

Today's environmental public meeting main intention is about expansion of industry from 4000 to 10000 and 120 KLPD distillery KLPD. Already Gram Panchayat members expressed about their problem to the Additional Deputy Commissioner. There are employment problems, drinking water facility for village people. Development of village and health camps should be done. All the things expressed by them are recorded. Those things should be examined by respected Additional Deputy Commissioner. They told that main requirement of the people is, give jobs to the local people. So for that all farmers & industrialists should form one committee to discuss the requirements & to get solutions to their problems.

Sri Jagadish I. H. Environmental Officer, KSPCB Belgaum-2 (Chikkodi) extended heartily gratitude to the respected Additional Deputy Commissioner & Additional

District Magistrate, Belagavi for conducting this meeting in their presence and also to Tahasildar Kagwad & surrounding people for their participation & expressing their views. Meeting was concluded by expressing gratitude to the management of the industry & staff, to NGO's, for media friends and the environmental lovers.



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