

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UNDERTAKE EXPANSION OF SUGAR CRUSHING PLANT FROM 3500 TCD TO 6000 TCD, CO-GENERATION FROM 14 MW TO 30 MMW AND B-HEAVY MOLASSES/SUGAR JUICE BASED DISTILLERY OF 200 KLPD AT SY.NO. 152/1, 147/1, 145/1, 163/1, 163/2A, 163/2B, 163/2C, 163/2D, 146/1, 146/2, 146/3, 146/4, 148/1 OF DHULKHEDA VILLAGE AND 40/2, 39, 42/1A, 42/1B, 42/2A, 42/2B, 42/2C, 42/2D, 43/1 AND 41/3 OF MARAGUR VILLAGE OF INDI TALUK, VIJAYAPURA DISTRICT, BY M/s. SHRI BHIMA SHANKAR SAHAKARI SAKKARE KARKHANE LIMITED.

DATE: 29-10-2022.

TIME: 11 AM

VENUE: At the project site, M/s. Shri Bhima Shankar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane Niyamit Dhulkeda & Margur Village.

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 Kalasad, 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. C S Nimbalkar	Managing Director
2.	Shri. T Ravi Shankar	General Manager
3.	Shri. Khaja Bande Nawaz,	Environmental Consultant
4.	Shri. Dr.Hemanth,	Environmental Consultant

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

M/s. Shri Bhima Shankar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane limited proposes to undertake modernization and up-gradation of the sugar plant from 3500 TCD to 6000 TCD along with the expansion of co-generation unit from 14 MW to 30 MW and 200 KLPD molasses/sugarcane juice based distillery which will be based on Zero Liquid Discharge Technology.

As per the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 01-12-2009 (as amended on 01-12-2009) from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Climate Change, Government of India, it is mandatory to conduct a public hearing of the above said project. Accordingly, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi 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 the 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 **Kannada prabha** and leading English daily newspaper **Times of India** on 29-09-2022 and also issued Paper Notification in District level local newspaper **Satya Kranthi** on 02-10-2022 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 & Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapura District, of public hearing panel.

The Environmental Public Hearing commenced at 11.00 AM on 29-10-2022 with welcome speech made by the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapura. He began the speech by explaining the purpose of the meeting and informed to the public that the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board issued Paper Notification in the leading newspapers on the proposed project establishment to invite objections/suggestions from the public. So far, nobody had filed objections/suggestions on the proposed project to the State Pollution Control Board as well as to the District Administration. There after he informed the project proponent to present the case before the committee and the public present, before suggestions/objections could be invited.

Shri. Dr. Hemanth on behalf of M/s. Ecomen Laboratories Pvt.Ltd. Lucknow who is been retained by M/s. Shri Bhima Shankar Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane limited, to conduct Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study of the proposed activities as a prerequisite to preparation of appropriate Environment Management Plan (EMP), explained the need of the project by highlighting the contribution of this project in letting India to compete with world in terms of industrial Infrastructure and how beneficial this project is going to be in generating income and employment to the people. Land requirement, Water availability, existing cropping pattern details, proposed cropping pattern details and thorough description of baseline environment (Physical Environment- Ambient Air Quality, Ambient Noise Level, Soil Characteristics, Surface & Ground Water, Land Use Assessment), Biological Environment (Flora & Fauna, Protected Areas, Forest Land, Aquatic Ecology), Anticipated Environmental Impacts & Mitigation Measures (Ambient Air Quality, Ambient Noise Level, Water Environment, Land Environment, Biological Environment & Evaluation Impacts), Analysis of alternatives, Environmental Monitoring Programme, Social Impact Assessment (Project affected villages, Impact of the project), Project Benefits, Command Area Development Plan (Water Users Association, Greenbelt Development Plan, Agro forestry activities in command area),

After the detailed presentation on the proposed project, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapura invited the public who were present at the meeting to express their comments/views/suggestions on the proposed project.

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

1. **Sri.Ijaz Ahmed Imam Saab Kuvir, of Maragur village:**

- He began by expressing his happiness over commencement of this expansion.
- He feels that this expansion should have happened long back, and he blames their fate for not happening so.
- He informed that this project is a blessing and it can have no harmful effects whatsoever on the environment.
- He informed that the sugar cane that is being grown in this region is close to 25 lakh tons, but the industry capacity to utilize the crop is of 6000 tons/day. He requested that this industry has to expand further and the capacity should be raised to 10000 ton/day.

- He further adds that, due to this the excess crop that is being produced will be taken by industries located in the State of Maharashtra.
- Thus, he informed that, if the capacity of the industry in this region is expanded to 10000 ton/day, farmers of this region will be immensely benefitted and thus can get the desired price for their share of crop.
- He stated that, farmers of this region have adopted to cultivate 265 variety sugarcane, due to which the recovery of the crop has come down and based on the recovery made the District commissioner decided the Sugar cane price as Rs. 3044 per Ton of Sugar Cane. This amount could be increased to 3500 if farmers rectify their mistakes and increase the recovery rate.
- He further requested the authorities to conduct a programme so that the challenges faced by the harvesters of this 265 variety sugarcane crop can be understood by all.
- He concluded by expressing his belief that there can be no harm to the Environment by this project and requested the authorities to speed up the process of expansion.

2. **Sri. Subhash Chandra, of Dhulked village:**

- He began by expressing his support to the expansion of the industry.
- He also assured that the farmers of this region welcomes this expansion project.
- He concluded by saying that there are no objections for commencement of this proposed expansion project.

3. **Sri. Hussainsaab Bandgisab Patel, of Margudi Village:**

- He began by expressing his belief over the project.
- He says that they are satisfied with the assurances given by the factory authorities regarding how harmless this project is for the Environment.
- He concluded by requesting the authorities to complete the project at the earliest.

4. **Sri. Anjaneya Nagenhalli, Founder of Samagra Parivartana Samudaya:**

- He began by saying that, the work done in order to uplift the farmers and to provide employment to the unemployed is almost equivalent to offering prayers to God.
- He later thanked all the dignitaries and all the people gathered to this event.

- He on behalf of his association expressed unwavering support to the project and also mentioned the benefits that can be reaped by commencement of this project, such as, this expansion generates revenue to the state, the Corporate Social Responsibility funds will contribute to the growth of this region, and the employment to the people of this region will be guaranteed.
- There will be overall upliftment in the Socio-Economical Development in the surrounding Villages.
- He concluded by welcoming the proposed project and the issue of Environmental clearance from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board & MoEF & Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- He along with expressing the support to this project, and mentions how pro environment his association is, and also requested the authorities to ensure the Corporate Social Responsibility fund is used in a proper manner and to maintain healthy relation with farmers of this region

5. Sri. Anand Wali of Salotgi Village, Indi Taluk:

- He began by expressing his concern regarding the most underdeveloped districts of North Karnataka region and also he mentioned that after Raichur and Yadgir Districts Vijayapura is the district along with the two to be considered as underdeveloped.
- He further adds that though there are five rivers flowing in this region, there is water scarcity to the people and during some occasions most of the villages will be flooded.
- He says there are so many people who are willing to work, but there are no employment opportunities in this region.
- He later adds that the project like this provides employment to the youth of this region. This employment not only sustains an individual, but his family too.
- The employment provided in this region will ensure that whole of the family of the employed will be taken out of the poverty, at least by providing the basic necessity like food and shelter.
- He concluded by saying that they all will support this project come what may.


6. Sri. Prakash Jagadevappa Pati, of Margur village:

- He began by thanking all the dignitaries on the dais.
- He expressed that every farmer of this region is immensely happy with the commencement of this project, but they seldom express about it, as they are hesitating to talk in this event.
- He further said that this project will bring immense benefits to the people of this region in terms of employment.
- He also requested the factory authorities to increase the capacity from 6000 ton/day to 10000 ton/day, so that the farmers of this region will be benefitted.
- He concluded by expressing his belief that this project will not cause any ill effects on the Environment.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur, has addressed the gathering and expressed his views on the project.

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, Vijayapur and Shri.S.Madhusudhan, Senior Environmental Officer 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.


(Sri. Ramesh Kalasad, K.A.S)
Additional Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Panel,
Vijayapura District.

The Following memorandum received during the Public Hearing;

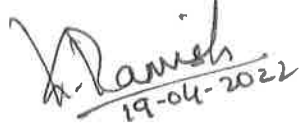
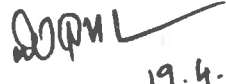

1. The President, the Members and the General Public of Gram Panchayat, Dhulkhed village is enclosed as **Annexure-2**.
2. The President and the Founder of Samagra Parivartana Samudaya (NGO), is enclosed as **Annexure-3**

ಮೆ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತರವರು ಹೊರತ ರೇವಣಸಿದ್ದೇಶ್ವರ ಏತ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯು ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಬಸವನ ಬಾಗೇವಾಡಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕೋಲಾರ್ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಬಳಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ನದಿಯಿಂದ 5.763 ಟ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ನೀರನ್ನು ಏತ್ತಿ ಸುಮಾರು 56 ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳ 49,730 ಹೆಕ್ಟರ್. ಒಣ ಭೂಮಿಗೆ ನೀರಾವರಿ ಪದ್ಧತಿ ಮುಖೇನ ನೀರೋದಗಿಸಲು ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಿದ್ದು ಸದರಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯು ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ ಸೇರಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದರ ಪ್ರಯುಕ್ತ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪರಿಸರ ಕುರಿತು ಆಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಭೆ.

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19-04-2022.

ಸಮಯ: ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ

ಸ್ಥಳ: ಹೊರತ ಗ್ರಾಮ
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ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ಪದನಾಮ	ಸಹಿ
1	ಶ್ರೀ, ರಮೇಶ ಕಳಸದ, ಕ.ಆ.ಸೇ., ಅಪರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ವಿಜಯಪುರ ವಿಜಯಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.	 19-04-2022
2	ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಮಧುಸೂದನ್, ಹಿರಿಯ ಪರಿಸರ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ವಲಯ ಕಛೇರಿ ಕ.ರಾ.ಮಾ.ನಿ.ಮಂ, ಕಲಬುರ್ಗಿ	 19.4.2022
3	ಶ್ರೀ. ಎಮ್.ಎ.ಮಣಿಯಾರ, ಪ್ರಾದೇಶಿಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕ.ರಾ.ಮಾ.ನಿ.ಮಂ., ವಿಜಯಪುರ	 19.4.2022