

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING TO UNDERTAKE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTILLERY OF CAPACITY 200 KLPD, TO PRODUCE ETHANOL USING CANE JUICE/ SYRUP FROM SUGARCANE CRUSHING PLANT OF CAPACITY 2500 TCD DURING SUGARCANE CRUSHING SEASON, MANUFACTURE OF 100 KLPD ETHANOL USING GRAINS DURING SUGARCANE NON- CRUSHING SEASON AND 7.5 MW CO-GENERATION POWER PLANT AT SY.NO.73/1 & 79/4 JALAGERI VLLAGE, TIKOTA TALUK, VIJAYAPURA DISTRICT BY M/S. NADAGOUDA ROADLINES PVT LIMITED.

DATE: 07-07-2023.

TIME: 11 AM

VENUE: At proposed site.

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. Mahadev A. Muragi , K.A.S Additional Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur.	Chairman
2	Sri. Gopal Krishna Sannatangi, Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Belagavi.	Member
3	Sri. M A Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapur.	Member

<u>Representatives of the project</u>	
1.	Shri. Shantgouda H.Nadagouda
2.	Shri. Rajashekar.S.Nadagouda
3.	Shri. Somashekar.S.Nadagouda
4.	Smt. Nagiyothi Sharat Bollapragada
5.	Shri. Ajit. R.
6.	Shri. Jadhav Piyush P
7.	Shri. Chandrashekar.S.Nadagouda

PREAMBLE:

M/s. Nadagouda Roadlines Pvt Limited proposes to establish Distillery of capacity 200 KLPD, to produce Ethanol using Cane Juice/ Syrup from Sugarcane Crushing Plant of capacity 2500 TCD during sugarcane crushing season, manufacture of 100 KLPD Ethanol using Grains during sugarcane non- crushing season and 7.5 MW co-generation power plant at Sy.No.73/1 & 79/4 Jalageri Vllage, Tikota Taluk, Vijayapura District. Total land area of the industry is 8.87 acres and as per the document submitted by project proponent, establishment cost is 248 Crores.

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. 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 Notification.

The project proponent 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 issued the Paper Notification in State level leading Kannada daily newspaper **Kannada Prabha** and leading English daily newspaper **Times of India** on 06-06-2023 and also issued Paper Notification in District level local newspaper **Sathya Kranthi** on 07-06-2023 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 07-07-2023 and welcome speech was made by the Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Vijayapura. He began with 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 by inviting 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.

Sri. Dr. Subbarao on behalf of M/s. Subbarao's Environment Center, Bengaluru who is been hired by M/s. Nadagouda Roadlines pvt 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, Source of the water, and thorough description of baseline environment (Physical Environment, Ambient Air Quality, Ambient Noise Level, Soil Characteristics, Hydrology , 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 persons came ahead and expressed their views on the proposed project activity;

1. Shri Ramanna Mendegar - kallakavatagi village - Vijayapura District.

- He began by addressing his concern to the dignitaries on stage and to the farmers gathered at the event.
- He opines that farming community is in precarious situation, as they were expecting that the canal construction in Tubchi, Bableshwar would benefit immensely to this region in production of grapes and sugarcane crops and would help them to prosper, but to add to their grief depletion of monsoon rains have crushed their hopes. He further adds that this concern shall be addressed to the government seeking for interim relief.

- He expresses that the production of grapes is going to be difficult task ahead and shifting the practice to cultivate sugarcane seems the best possible way. He mentions reasons for this are increase in humidity, in this region humidity increase will result in varieties of disease to the grapes. And also the quality of fertilizers being deteriorating in recent times, which mean it cannot make the yield immune to those variety diseases.
- He also adds that the grapes cultivation is predominant in this region now, due to which price range of grapes per kg has come down to 80 Rs to 100 Rs, which is considerably low. And he ascertains his belief that cultivation of grapes in this region is going to be extremely difficult in coming days.
- He expresses his happiness regarding the decision of Sri. Nadagoudar, Proprietor of this project who is proposed to establish a sugar factory in this region, and he thanks him with all his heart for this vision.
- He feels that the establishment of sugar factory and ethanol production plant gives them the sense of security that their yield will not to go wasted, as there will be requirement for it throughout the year.
- He also mentions about the new variety of sugar cane crop, and possible yield of 3 times in a year if those crops are used, which according to him not only doubles the production but also the income of the farmers.
- He concludes by ensuring that in coming days there shall be very less production of grapes from this region there shall be very few who will be hiring workers for grapes cultivation.
- He assumes that this region may probably stop production of grapes in coming days. So, he requests all the farmers and banking authorities to lend their support to Sri.Nadagoudar in this mammoth task, and he will be thankful if everyone does so.

2. Shri Anand Maruthi Salunkhe - Jalageri (Dokalewadi) Village - vijayapura district.

- He began by thanking the dignitaries on stage for conducting this event.
- He expresses his belief that the establishment of factory in this region shall create huge employment opportunities for the people here and also it contributes a lot to the development of this region too. The farmers will be benefited immensely by this factory.

- He mentions that there was always constant fear of growing sugar cane in the minds of the people because there is no factory nearby to this region, and he adds that they had to be persistent in communicating factory authorities for a month almost to buy their yield.
- He concludes expressing his sigh of relief that there shall be no such problems in coming times and he is happy that this sugar factory is being established here.

3. Shri Ashok Suryavanshi - Arakeri Village - Vijayapura District.

- He began by saying that he has rendered his services in Indian Army, and now he made up his mind to take up farming. He remembers the quote “Jai Jawan Jai Kisan”. But he opines that farming community has incurred losses frequently, hence they keep discussing this issue in their groups or organizations.
- He says that during these discussions he was aware of the news that Sri. Nadagoudar Sir has planned to establish sugar factory in this region and hence the shift towards sugarcane cultivation was decided.
- He concluded by expressing that he had already thanked Sri. Nadagoudar sir for taking up this task and he lastly adds that due to this establishment there shall employment opportunities created and transportation charges of the farmers will be saved.

4. Shri Raju Jadhav - Jalageri Village - vijayapura district.

- He began by welcoming the dignitaries on the dais, on behalf of his villagers.
- He then mentions that it was during the time of elections that he got to know about this proposal that Sri.Nadagoudar sir has planned to establish a sugar factory and he says he was extremely happy to hear this.
- He addressed his concern regarding the shortage of water in this region to the authorities present. He mentions about the unknown problem that caused shortage of water in the canal of this region. He says maximum people of this region are sugarcane cultivators, due to this water shortage problem the crops are dying. He requested the District Commissioner to address this issue and to grant them some relief.
- He mentions that this region is populated with the people from Thanda community. The members of this community spend six months in this region and another six months in Maharashtra to earn their daily bread. He further adds that this nomadic lifestyle of these members because of lack of earning opportunities has affected their families to great extent as their kids will not be blessed with quality education.

- He expresses joy that if the factory is established in this region these members shall not have to continue their nomadic lifestyle and be settled here and prosper.
- He concluded by requesting the authorities to address the problems related to the water for irrigation and also to expedite the process of establishment of the sugar factory, so that his community members and farmers shall benefit immensely by this vision.

5. Shri B S Gasti (walikar) - Lohagaon Village - Vijayapura District.

- He began by welcoming the dignitaries on the dais.
- He then mentions that events like these, according to his knowledge, assumed that it would take place only in foreign countries like America, Japan. He further adds that these kind of environment related programmes, canal construction and sugar factory establishments concepts are introduced to this region by Hon'ble Sri. M.B.Patil sir and Sri Nadagoudar sir. He expressed his heartfelt thanks for this.
- He remembered old times where the source of water were only streams and they had to go there to draw water for any purpose be it for rituals or for domestic usage. He then expresses his gratitude for Hon'ble Sri. M.B.Patil sir for taking up developmental activities and especially for making sure that water from the streams has reached every household.
- He then advises farmers of this region to not to be scared of shortage of rains, he believes that there are gods they shall for sure bless us sufficient water in coming times.
- He then mentions that people like Sri. M.B.Patil sir, and Sri. Nadagoudar sir will always come to their rescue, as the industry minister and sugarcane minister are from this region. He assures the farmers that this is indeed a blessing to this region.
- He concluded by requesting the farmers to be backbone of their leaders in every grief and joy, and keep supporting this project so that they all will be benefitted.

6. Shri Pirgound Gadyal - kallakavatagi village - Vijayapura District.

- He began by welcoming the dignitaries on the dais and farmers to this event.
- He expresses his heartfelt thanks to Sri. Nadagoudar sir for being a reason in conducting this event.

- He intends to bring to kind notice of Additional District Commissioner that India will be considered as a country with high temperature in the world, and Bijapur District in India is the considered as a region with high temperature, and in the Bijapur District this region stands out for high temperature.
- He then mentions that he is a member of grapes cultivation association, and he says that they grow grapes at 40 or 42 degrees in this region and they are of great quality compared to other qualities in the world and these grapes are exported. He proudly mentions that even at the acute shortage of the water, the members of this region has found out way to grow grapes.
- He then explains greatness of Sri. Nadagoudar, he says that during the initial times this hilly area regions were facing scarcity of water, it was because of the greatness of Sri. Nadagoudar this region has been developed immensely in terms of farming culture.
- He further mentions that it was persistent efforts of Sri. Nadagoudar that this region has water for irrigation and all of them owe to him.
- He says that if Sri.Nadagoudar takes up a work he would never let go until its successful, he exemplifies it by narrating a incident where Sri.Nadagoudar has cultivated a high quality grapes in elevated land.
- He concluded by assuring that the people from this region shall continue to grow grapes along with sugarcane, so that sugar cane production contributes as fodder for cows and buffalos thereby increase in milk production.
- He in the end requests Sri.Nadagoudar to conduct as many as events regarding this development they will be happy to part of it and he also requests to conduct a event regarding the new variety of sugarcane crops which gives 3 yields in a year so that this variety of crop shall be cultivated much.

7. **Shri S M Shirati (Retired Teacher) Itangihal Village, Vijayapura District.**

- He began by saying that he along with the farmers of this region were ecstatic after knowing the fact that Sri.Nadagoudar sir has decided to establish a factory in this region.
- He expresses that Sri. Nadagoudar sir is a humble human being and there is never an incident where he behaved ostentatiously and he say he never differentiates, be it commoner or wealthy, he responds to the requests with all his heart. He further adds that with help of Sri.M.B.Patil sir Sri. Nadagoudar is like Kamadehnu- Kalpavriksha to the people of this region.

- He mentions that it is no easy task to select a place for establishment of any type of industry. He feels the people of this region are fortunate enough to witness this sugar factory that is being established in this region.
- He further adds that this establishment is happening because of the visionary leader like Sri. M.B.Patil sir, without him the water for irrigation in this elevated land would have been a distant dream. He says it's because of his excellence that this region is predominant in growing sugarcane.
- He then explains the greatness of Sri. Nadagoudar, for having the will power to bring this project into a reality, he says the farmers of this region are extremely ecstatic as the problems like transporting the sugarcane crops to factories that are 100 km far was very hard. The vehicles had to deal with issues of flat tires and what not, he says.
- He concluded by wishing the leader a long life and immense success, and reiterated that this factory brings a lot of blessing to the lives of 10 to 20 villages in this region.

8. Sri. Annaraya Patil, Hanchinal village, Vijayapura District:

- He began by thanking Sri. Nadagoudar for his decision to establish a factory in this region.
- He expresses his grief of times where he had to transport sugar cane for factories all over and even after doing so he says they were not profited. In turn, in order to empty the yield they had to spend their own money and had to transport it to Maharashtra for a sugar factory their incurring losses.
- He mentions that he accidentally met him and was known that there is going to be establishment of sugar factory in this region. He says that in their region around 1500 acres grow sugarcane, even though they can't afford to transport to the respective factories because of various obstacles. He further adds that they had to plead everyone right from the factory authorities to the workers, in order to reap a successful yield. He says he had to wait for a year after all the pleading to be paid for his yield.
- He concluded by wishing the factory to be huge success because he opines that neither the government nor anyone thinks about the welfare of farmers, the fertilizers cost and daily wage workers are being increased but the price for the yield remained same.
- He lastly mentions that this factory will address their issues and brings lot of benefits to the region of this people.

9. Shri N K Kumbar (Retired Agriculture Officer Jalageri Village) Vijayapura District.

- He began by introducing as a retired Agricultural Officer, and he remembered the times he worked as an officer and the difficulties faced then. He opines that the facilities for farming are way better now as compared to his times.
- He then thanked the dignitaries on the dais for gathering at this event.
- He mentions that Bijapur District is known for drought stricken area and he says the kind of land that is suitable for likes of Sri.Desai, Sri. Nadagoudar. The potential to yield great crops in this region is immense if proper facilities provided, he says. He mentions that according to the analysis he read Bijapur District can be one among the best 10 districts of the country, if proper facilities provided.
- He further mentions that there is lakhs of acres of barren land in this region and there is good quality soil with man power in this region, if the water is provided in this region under irrigation schemes, there is huge potential to unlock in this region.
- He opines that the sugar factory in this region is absolutely necessary, in fact he advises that one factory should be established every 25 kms in this region, because there is lot of barren land that can be utilized for farming with right irrigation measures.
- The ethanol production plant is a boon for the country, he says. He reminds everyone that in early 80's or 90's the vehicles were in limited quantity but now every household has vehicles. He says if we fail to find alternatives for fossil fuels we shall be in great chaos at the end. He says demand can't be met with current practice.
- Hence he feels that ethanol production has immense value in coming future and it can be the alternative for vehicles. He further adds that in a decade the vehicles using fossil fuels will be very less in number and electric vehicles, vehicles using bio-diesel will be more. He says that he saw news where it was predicted that the alternative fuel will be offered at as low as 30 Rs to 15 Rs/litre in coming times.
- He then requested farmers to cultivate sugarcane as much as possible as it will be used for ethanol production and it will be handed over to petrol bunk, doing this he say foreign exchange can be reduced. He further mentions that it is not about how much you earn, it always about you have saved.

- He concluded by requesting the farmers to treat this factory as their own and also requested factory authorities to take up developmental activities like building schools, centers and to treat the people of this region like their own. He insisted the farmers to support this project.

10. Shri Pulshing Rathod - Jalageri (LT1) Village - Vijayapura District.

- He began by expressing his happiness that Sri. Nadagoudar sir has decided to establish a factory in this region.
- He says people in his village have frequently asked him if this factory causes any hazard to their lives or if it brings any losses in their lives. He further adds that he is been assuring the people of his village that there shall be no hazard from this factory.
- He says that the people of this region have idolized Sri.Nadagoudar sir when it comes to farming. He feels that its because of him people of this region has learned how to cultivate the land.
- He concludes by expressing his hope that like always Sri.Nadagoudar sir will be helpful for the people of this region. He hopes that there will be employment opportunities created to the people of this region. He finally assures people that there shall be no hazard from this factory whatsoever.



11. Shri Abhay Kumar Nandrekar (Savalagi) Vijayapura District.

- He began by thanking dignitaries on the dais.
- He began by highlighting the speculation among the villagers of possible impact on environment by the establishment of the factory and he mentions that many of them have given explanation regarding this.
- He says this 2500 tonnes production capacity factory has inculcated advanced technology; it reaches upto 55 meters high thus completely doing away with dust nuisance.
- He mentions that there have been requests for schools and colleges from some members; he says the plan has already been laid in the project report. He further adds that Sri.Nadagoudar is always been a visionary and he has taken up all possible business.

- He expresses his hope that there shall be support from the ministries responsible and also he hopes that there should a competition among the factories to acquire sugar cane and this can be possible only if there are many factories established. He opines that increase in number of factories would ensure that such competition will take place.
- He concludes by saying that there is no rejection for establishment of this unit. He says everyone is in support of this sugar factory and it is need of the hour.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner and 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, New Delhi.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.


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

