

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF M/S. UKEM AGRI INFRA LIMITED IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 5000 TCD SUGAR PLANT, 30 MW CO-GENERATION UNIT & 300 KLPD MULTI FEED DISTILLERY (CANE SYRUP/GRAIN/MOLASSES) UNIT LOCATED AT 119/1,119/2A, 119/3, 120/1, 120/3, 120/4, 120/5, 120/6,121, 123/1, 123/2, 123/3, 125/1, 125/2, 130/2, 133/1, 133/2, 134/1A OF MUDDABALLI VILLAGE, KOPPAL TALUK & DISTRICT.

DATE : 14.07.2023

TIME : 11.00 AM

VENUE: At Project Site- 119/1,119/2A, 119/3, 120/1, 120/3, 120/4, 120/5, 120/6,121, 123/1, 123/2, 123/3, 125/1, 125/2, 130/2, 133/1, 133/2, 134/1A of Muddaballi village, Koppal taluk & district.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Venue of Environmental public hearing	At Project Site- 119/1,119/2A, 119/3, 120/1, 120/3, 120/4, 120/5, 120/6,121, 123/1, 123/2, 123/3, 125/1, 125/2, 130/2, 133/1, 133/2, 134/1A OF MUDDABALLI VILLAGE, KOPPAL TALUK & DISTRICT.
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As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, on 14-09-2006(amendment dated 01-12-2009), it is a prerequisite to get the Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner or his/her representative not below the Rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner also it is responsibility of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to organize the Environmental Public Hearing.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (I.A Division), Government of India, EIA notification dated 14-09-2006 Terms of Reference (TOR) issued by MOEF, New Delhi dated No. IA-J-11011/289/2022/IA-II(I) dated 22-11-2022 as per the request of project proponent for conducting Environmental Public Hearing, the Public Hearing was organized by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on **14-07-2023** at industry premises.

Government order No. CI 329 SPI 2022, BENGALURURU dated 28.09.2022 project was approved for proposed establishment **M/S. UKEM AGRI INFRA LIMITED** of 5000 tcd sugar plant, 30 mw co-generation unit & 300 klpd multi feed distillery (cane syrup/grain/molasses) unit located at 119/1,119/2a, 119/3, 120/1, 120/3, 120/4, 120/5, 120/6,121, 123/1, 123/2, 123/3, 125/1, 125/2, 130/2, 133/1, 133/2, 134/1a of muddaballi village, koppal taluk & district.

Union Ministry of Forests and Environment and Climate Change, Government of India (Impact Study Division) New Delhi, EIA notification dated: 14-09-2006 on behalf of the project promoters, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, requested the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal is through a letter dated: 04.03.2023 to give suitable date and time for holding an environmental public hearing meeting. Accordingly, it was scheduled to be held on date: 18.04.2023, But since the Code of Conduct was in force in the wake of the Vidhan Sabha elections, it would not be possible to hold the said environmental public hearing meeting, so it was requested to fix the date again for holding the environmental public hearing through a letter dated:28.05.2023 accordingly the date fixed on 14.07.2023. Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner, Koppal District public hearing was conducted.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification regarding public hearing, 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada daily news paper “**Prajavani**” and English daily news paper “**The new Indian Express**” on 14th July-2023. The Suggestions/views/comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, Environmental Groups and others located at the Project site likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited. Affected people could 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, within 30 days from the date of publication of the Notification/at the time of public hearing.

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 to the General Public.

1. Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Koppal
2. Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Koppal.
3. District Industries Centre, Koppal
4. Tahashildar office, Koppal
5. . Grampanchayat office, Gondabhal village.
6. Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal.
7. Help Desk, KSPCB, Parisar Bhavan, Church street, Bangalore.

The Regional Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Koppal, Sri **S C Suresh**, welcomed the Smt. Savitri B Kadi KAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Koppal, Sri B S Murulidhar, Senior environmental officer, Zonal office Vijayanagar.& all the public, the officials of all departments, others and media persons who were present on the occasion. He briefed 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. He 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 information at different places. He requested the additional Deputy Commissioner, to preside over the Public Hearing. He informed the public to present all their submissions either in written or orally, which would be a part of this hearing. Entire proceedings will be video graphed.

Accordingly, Technical consultant of the industry i.e. **Environmental Health & Safety Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Bangaluru-560044** presented the salient features of the project through power point presentation. He informed the present status of environment. He presented regarding Environmental impact due to the proposed project and mitigation measures to be adopted by the project proponent.

The following assembled persons submitted their opinion on the project as under.

1).Sri. Prabhu Hallikeri, Gondabal Village

- We have submitted the objection letter regarding this sugar industry to the Hon'ble Additional Deputy Commissioner.
- We also submitted the objection letter regarding the sugar industry to Sri. Amaresh Biradar, Tehsildar, Koppal and Sri. Suresh, Environmental officer, the Environmental officer informed that he did not inspect the site of the above said industry.
- The earlier Honorable Deputy Commissioner Sri Vikas Kishore Suralkar who was in February-2022, he told that concrete pillar has been constructed at proposed site.
- How can they construct a concrete pillar without a non objection letter from the environment department? He questioned.
- He said that industry authorities say that farmer's income will double. But the income of entrepreneurs will double.
- It will affect the public health.
- Sugar industries in other districts i.e. Davangere - Bidar, Belgavi people facing many problems from the factories.
- Hirebaganala village is located at a distance of 8 km from here. Air pollution is being caused by the industries in the said village. Due to air pollution, the villagers are suffering from problems like cancer, lung problems and asthma.
- Industry authorities from town are starting a industry in village so villager will get problem.
- He opinioned that, In these three villages, there is back water of Tungabhadra Dam, the polluted water from the industry enters the back water, causing problems to the public if they drink that water.
- He said that Tungabhadra catchment area is near so animals and cattle will die after drinking the polluted water from the sugar factory.
- The greed of the sugar industry authorities destroys the environment so rain fall pattern will change subsequently.

- We have to give clean air, clean environment to our children's and future generations otherwise they will suffer.
- Presently the health conditions of the villagers around Hirebaganal is worst due to industrial pollution so if we permit the industry than we will suffer.
- The noise from the industry will be more than 75 decibels so it is noise pollution. This causes sleep disturbance, lack of concentration & headache.
- People are likely to get many diseases due to starting of a industry & Dust from industry causes difficulty in organic farming.
- 1000 liters of water is required to make 1 ton of sugar. How much waste water is produced in 1000 liters of water, As the produced waste water is released into the ground, the waste water gets percolate and dangerous chemicals enters to the ground.
- He told that we don't want a sugar factory in our village area.

2. Shri Govindarreddy Madanur- Muddaballi expressed his views as follows.

- Koppal district is a backward district which is belongs to Hyderabad Karnataka region.
- He said we should support the industry for development.
- Every day 100 to 200 people from the villages came to Koppal city for work but they are not getting enough jobs for their livelihood. In such a case, if there is an industry in our village, it is a good thing which will benefit the people.
- He opinioned that all of us should cooperate to start a sugar industry.
- He said that economy of our state and country will development if we allow the industry.

3. Shri Gavisiddhana Gowda V Patil, Muddaballi expressed his views as follows.

- From the sugar factory, bad smell & dust comes. We all the villagers together will give a request to the district commissioner that we don't want the sugar industry.
- Industry authorities will say that they will provide employments but only the educated people will get jobs, they will not provide employment to illiterate people.
- He said that Industry authorities will only give ill health to the farmers, so we don't want a sugar factory.

4. Sri. Devareddy Matey, Muddaballi expressed his views as follows.

- If the sugar industry starts, this will cause dust to fall on the silk crop. So there will be loss to the farmers.

- This Industry will destroy the beautiful nature of Hatti, Mundaragi, Kataraki-Gudlanur villages.
- Our villages are beautiful, if the industry established, because of pollution we are not able to grow peanuts.
- We have no benefit from growing sugarcane, it is a lazy crop, he said.
- He also expressed that Man's nature is to spoil the good,

5. Dr Manjunath Sajjana - Halegondabala expressed his views as follows.

- As a doctor I opinioned that establishing a sugar industry will cause health problems to people.
- He said that human will pollute the environment and make it unfit for living.
- Not only employment and education will helps to develop the country but also a good health is required for wholesome development of country.
- He opinioned that industries must establish in specified industrial areas.
- We oppose to establish a sungar industry in our village.

6. Sri. Vasanth Reddy, Muddaballi expressed their views as follows.

- He said that starting a industry will create employment.
The industry authorities get the license from all the departments then only they establish the industry.
- Starting a industry here will provides basic infrastructure facilities to schools.
- He said we will submit supporting letter to concerned department.

7. Sri. Basanagowda Police Patil Muddabali expressed his views as follows.

- We are unemployed so for job purpose we should support the industry.

8. Sri. Prakash Reddy of Thikkunakal village of Sabarigida shared his views as follows.

- Government officers are not given any license to sugar industry they came here to collect the public opinion.

9. Sri. Sharanappa Sajjana of Gondabala Village expressed his views as follows.

- He said that there should not be any village within 10 km of from the industry. But Hosgondbala is only 1 km away.
- He said that all the villagers will fight together as there are all signs of environmental pollution from starting the industry.

10. Shri Gavisiddappa Siddappa Devaramani Hirebaganala Village expressed his views as follows.

- Setting up of the factory will benefit the sugar cane growers.
- He said there are so many industries in Hirebaganala village, that there is no such big problem in any way, there are minor problems which are being solved by the industry authorities.

11. Mr. Virupanna, Muddaballi-gram expressed his views as follows.

- Environment means human life should not be harmed and no disease should spread to people.
- The earlier environmental public hearing was cancelled, so Hon'ble Additional deputy commissioner and Environment Officers did not come to proposed site. Due to this, the farmers do not have proper information about the establishment of the industry.
- It is the duty of the officials to inform the surrounding villagers about the proposed industry.
- He said there is a sugar industry in middle of the Hospet city which should be shifted and the farmers of Gadag district have organized Padayatra demanding that we don't need sugar factory but there were no use.
- The surrounding farmers do not grow sugarcane. If this is the case, why do we need a sugar industry.
- If the farmers get disease, the industry authorities will not come to solve the problem.
- In Hirebaganala village, farmers are already suffering dust pollution from industries and cattle's are dying. He informed
- Dust is depositing at Deputy Commissioner office, koppal even though the concerned authorities have not taken any action.
- He said that if there is any problem for farmers and people after the establishment of industry, we will have to fight fiercely.
- He said that industry authorities lied to the farmers and bought the land and did injustice.

12. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Halegondabala Dated: 14.07.2023 have submitted a letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner / Environment Officer, indicating their opposition for establishment of sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8)

13. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Hosagondabala Dated: 14.07.2023 have submitted a letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner / Environment Officer, indicating their opposition for establishment of sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8)

14. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Gondabala and Muddaballi, Dated: 14.07.2023 have submitted a letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner / Environment Officer, indicating their opposition for establishment of sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8)

15. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Chikkabaganale, dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

16. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Hyati, dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

17. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Muddaballi, dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

18. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Hirekasankandi dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

19. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Chikksindogi dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

20. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Hirebaganal dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

21. Regarding establishment of industry villagers of Chikksindogi dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

22. Regarding establishment of industry Sri. R Tikyanayak, Karnatak rakshana Sainya(R) dated 14-07-2023 have submitted a request letter to the Hon'ble Deputy commissioner/ Environment Officers and indicating their opposition for establishment of sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8)

23. Sri B V Reddy, Shakti Environment rural development society, Bellary have submitted a request letter to the Environment Officer and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

24. Sri G Satyanarayan reddy, Ujval Environment social welfare society have submitted a request letter to the Environment Officer and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

25. Sri K S Murthy, Dharani evergreen welfare society have submitted a request letter to the Environment Officer and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

26. 23. Sri Sudarshan reddy, Sneha Environment agriculture welfare society have submitted a request letter to the Environment Officer and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

27. Sri Hemantkumar, Naveen evergreen social society have submitted a request letter to the Environment Officer and indicated their support for setting up a sugar industry. (Attached in Annexure-8).

The chairperson of this meeting directed the environmental officer to summarize the public opinions which were given in oral and written statements and prepare the proceedings in Kannada and English. Hence directed the environmental officer to conclude the public hearing meeting and submit the proceedings to the competent authority.


(Savitri B Kadi KAS)
Additional Deputy Commissioner,
Koppal and
President of Environmental Public
Hearing Meeting.

