

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ISOLATED STORAGE IN RESPECT OF M/s.INDIAN OIL CORPORATION LTD., Bulk Petroleum Depot AHMEDNAGAR, VILLAGE-AKOLNER, TAL & DIST - AHMEDNAGAR.

Date of Public Hearing : 21/04/2018
Time : 11.00 hrs
Venue : Bhagyashree Mangal Karyalaya, Gat No 190,
Village Akolner, Taluka & District Ahmednagar-
414007

Preamble:

M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bulk Petroleum Depot. has proposed expansion of storage for 45,656.0 KL HSD; 9,213.0 KL HSD (B5); 60,615.0 KL MS; 70.0 KL SKO; 1,695.0 KL Ethanol; 470.0 KL Bio-Diesel AND 14,979.0 KL ATF, the matter regarding same was discussed in 139th meeting of State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) meeting held on 29th June 2017 and the proposal was recommended to Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya Mumbai. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the said projects has been approved vide Unique no 0000000448 with minutes of meeting dated 15th July 2017 copy enclosed herewith as annexure-I. It has been mentioned in the said TOR that public hearing issues raised and commitments made by the project proponent on the same shall be included separately in EIA/EMP report. As per the provisions of the EIA Notification, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India dated 14th September 2006 as amended thereto, such projects requires public hearing prior to environmental clearance from the Ministry of the Environment Forest, Govt. of India.

Accordingly, project proponent, M/s. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification -2006 and TOR issued by Govt. of Maharashtra. In this connection, MPC Board decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said projects on 21st April 2018 in consultation with District Collector, Ahmednagar. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely " Sakal and Lokmat" and English newspaper "Maharashtra Times" on dated 19/03/2018 mentioning about date, time & venue of Public hearing. The banners indicating event were displayed at prime location in Akolner village and in close proximity of the project so as to arrange wide publicity in the said vicinity. The appeal was made to concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authority (Expert Appraisal Committee) it was

the said project to concerned regulatory authority (Expert Appraisal Committee) it was also mentioned that written responses will be accepted by regulatory authorities till the date of public hearing and during the course of public hearing also. The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Bhagyashree Mangal Karyalaya, Gat No 190, Village Akolner, Taluka & District Ahmednagar-414007. The said venue was finalised considering easy accessibility to local people and close proximity to the proposed project.

Copy of draft E.I.A. report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- 1) District Collector, Ahmednagar, Dist. Ahmednagar
- 2) Environment Dept. Govt. of Maharashtra, 15th floor, new administrative Bldg. Mantralaya, Mumbai.
- 3) General Manager, District Industry Centre, Dist. Ahmednagar
- 4) Joint Director (WPC) MPC Board, Kalpatru Point, 3rd floor, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Nr.Sion Circle-(E), Mumbai- 22.
- 5) Regional Officer, MPCB 1st Floor, Udyog Bhavan, MIDC Nashik
- 6) Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB ,Savitribai Fule vayapari sankul, 1st floor, Hall No. 2 & 3, near. V. Centre, Savedi, Ahmednagar-414003

All these authorities were requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdictions.

A public hearing panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India.

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| 1. | Shri Sandeep Nichit
Additional District Magistrate,
Ahmednagar Dist. | - | Chairman |
| 2. | Shri.R.U.Patil
Regional Officer, Nashik
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. | - | Member |
| 3. | Shri. R.R. Vasave
Sub-Regional Officer, Ahemdagar
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. | - | Convener |

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING:

At the outset, on behalf of convener of the public hearing panel, Shri. R.R. Vasave, Sub-Regional Officer Ahmednagar, MPCB welcomed all those present and commenced the public hearing. He apprised the people with the introductory information about the purpose of the public hearing and appealed them to come forward with suggestions, complaints, objections & comments, if any, about the environmental aspects of the proposed project. He thereafter requested Hon'ble Chairman to commence the hearing procedure.

Hon'ble Chairman briefed people about the concept and objective of Public Hearing. He made an appeal to participants & all to attend the public hearing peacefully and place their views regarding Environment aspect. He stated that videography of the said public hearing is being carried out by MPCB as per the procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. Chairman further stated that the presentation about the proposed projects will be given by the project proponent and then the questions/ objections shall be raised by participants. He made an appeal to participants to come forward with their name & address before raising any query/objections so that the name of the participant along with views will be included in the proceedings of meeting. Then Chairman requested project proponent to give the presentation of the projects along with its silent features.

A team of IOCL, officials consisting, Mr, Kasbekar Manager (IOCL) & Mr Ramesh Pankar made a Power Point Presentation on the Environment aspects of the projects including salient features of EIA Report in Marathi as well as in English language. The project proponent elaborated the details of proposed project on following grounds.

- Project Description.
- Base Line Data with respect to Air, Water, Land, Noise, Ecology, Settlements, etc.
- Impact likely to occur due to the project on Air, Water, Noise, Hydrology, Settlements and Bio-diversity and forest.
- Mitigation measures and Environment management plan for the project during construction phase as well as operation.
- Other details as outlined in the EIA Report.

Thereafter, convener of Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

- 1) Shri Jalandhar Nana Jadhav, resident of Gut No.326, Akolner, Taluka & Dist-
A'nagar;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	Indian Oil Corporation company was established in 1996. There were incidences of water pollution in the area of Akolner village and nearby villages. Hence local people agitated against it. But nothing is done till the date.	The Project Proponent M/s IOCL informed that; there was no leakage occurred from any of the storage tank of IOCL. IOCL is taking preventive & safety measures periodically for all the storage tanks & Pipelines. Regarding the issue of water pollution in the area of Akolner there is an application filed before H'ble NGT Pune and they are bound to follow the decision of the H'ble National Green Tribunal Pune.

- 2) Shri Tabaji Gaikwad, resident of Akolner;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	Since last six months, the services of providing water by tanker by the project proponent is stopped. The local people are suffering due to non-availability of water.	The project proponent informed, this arrangement has been made by the Collector as per the Order of the H'ble National Green Tribunal, and compliance entrusted to IOCL by H'ble National Green Tribunal, will be followed.

3) Shri Vilas Maharaj Jadhav, Resident of Akolner;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	The Executive Summary and EIA report is not made available to local Grampanchayat offices.	The Convener of the Public hearing Panel informed that, the Executive Summary and EIA report is made available to local Grampanchayat offices.
2	He further informed that the vicinity area of the project is famous in Maharashtra for the cultivation of horticulture schemes. However, the study of the horticulture and number of species, present and threat horticulture is not made in the EIA and Executive summary report.	The project proponent informed that as per the provisions made in EIA Notification, 2006 and amendments made in it from time to time, the guidelines of carrying survey are mentioned, and the TOR Issued; the Study is carried of soil, water and noise covering the 10 k.m. radius of the project.
3	Shri Vilas Maharaj Jadhav further informed that; the local agriculturists have given their land for this project which is commissioned in 1996. The job opportunities is not given to the sons of soil/heirs of PAP (Project Affected Person). He further opined that mentioning of existing water quality i.e. ISO 9000 will not solve the problem, whose wells are polluted. Getting of saline water is most important aspect to be considered.	The project proponent informed that 30 local peoples are working from the nearby area under the contractual labour scheme. Also five personnel's from Nearby villages are selected under Apprenticeship scheme in the project. He further clarified that when there will be job opportunities, the local people will be given priority. The project officials informed that the emotions expressed by the local people are noted and positive action in the future will be initiated.

		Project Proponent informed that the water samples are collected by the agency appointed to carry out EIA and the findings are incorporated in the Draft EIA report.
4	He further pointed out that the project proponent proposes the expansion. The officials of the project proponent visited the village and informed that the stock will be brought by railway wagons. Here in presentation, it is mentioned that the raw material will be brought through pipeline. Hence local people should not suffer due to the pipeline project.	The project officials further informed that at present the stock of diesel and petrol is brought by railway wagon only. But proposal is there for laying the pipeline to bring petroleum products which is safe and economical transportation.

4) Shri Laxman Jadhav, resident of Akolner village;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	The information given in the presentation is wrong. The project proponent is misleading the local people and our country. He informed that he has collected two samples of well water which have smell of petroleum products.	The Project Proponent M/s IOCL informed that; there was no leakage occurred from any of the storage tank of IOCL. IOCL is taking preventive & safety measures periodically for all the storage tanks & Pipelines. Regarding the issue of water pollution in the area of Akolner there is an application filed before H'ble NGT Pune and they are bound to follow the decision of the H'ble National Green Tribunal Pune.

2	Shri Laxman Jadhav further informed that there were incidences of collapsing of tankers in the area. There is scarcity of drinking water to cattle's. He further pointed out that the project officials are hiding the numbers of destroyed trees while constructing the project.	He informed that only bushes were cleared while constructing the project, but trees were not cut. As per the strict guidelines of Govt. of India, if one tree is cut, then ten saplings will have to be carried. The project proponent informed that it is their aim to develop green belts
3	He further suggested that the project proponent should ask local people where to the plantation has to be done and thereafter its maintenance should be done by the project proponent.	The suggestion is welcomed, the project proponent and local people will jointly undertake the sapling programme and the maintenance of the same. The watering of the plants by the tanker and building of iron fencing/tree guard to the surrounding of trees will be carried by the project proponent.

5) Shri Ravindra Vitthal Kadus, Member of Panchayat Samiti, Sarola Kasar;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	The project is commissioned in 1996 and social development programmes were undertaken from time to time by the project proponent. Now the people have become conscious regarding the environment and hence large number of people are attending the said Public hearing meeting today. He further expressed the views that the proposed expansion of the project should looked positively. Also the project proponent should take concrete steps especially in Akolner village to solve the issues raised by the participants. He informed that there is no objection from the nearby peoples, but the problems of Akolner village should be solved. Due to expansion of the project, there will be increase in the CSR Fund (Corporate Social Responsibility) Fund; hence the project proponent can undertake additional social welfare schemes.	

6) Shri Bhausahab Mahadev Bhor, resident of Bhor village;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	<p>The agriculture field is at a short distance from the said project and the horticulture production i.e. production of flowers (Marathi name Shevanti) is taken by their family since long back. The project proponent in the night time glow the tow light and the rays of the light emissions falls on the agriculture fields. Due to this light emissions the production of Shevanti flower delays by one month than other local farmers. He requested that arrangement should be made that there should not be rays of light on his fields. He further appealed the project proponent to find out scientific reason/cause for the same and include in it in the EIA report. Further he pointed out that one month late production of flowers ultimately causes economic loss of his family and therefore he and his family member should be treated as Project Affected Person (PAP) and benefitted accordingly.</p>	<p>The project proponent clarified that; the question raised by Shri Bhor will be definitely solved and they are going to take the scientific guidance from the Agriculture Department carry out study if required. Their aim is that local farmer should not suffer.</p>

7) Shri Rajendra Maruti Shelke, resident of Akolner village;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	The project proponent has undertaken social welfare schemes as demanded by the local people under CSR fund in the project in the vicinity. He asked about the ratio of CSR fund and its spending of money that after expansion, how much it will increase. He further asked about the paying of Grampanchayat tax and increase in it after expansion. Shri Shelke further clarified that, the people of Akolner village are not against the project, but issue of supply of water for Akolner village should be permanently solved.	While answering the question, the project officials informed that average net profit of last three years is considered; out of it, 2% for whole India can be spent. Hence project affected persons will be benefitted as per their demand. Regarding paying of Grampanchayat taxes, it is informed that the project proponent is paying Grampanchayat tax of Rupees about 10 lakhs per year and after expansion of the project, it will increase approximately by 3%.

8) Shri Jeri Nana, resident of Akolner village;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	That condition of road of Akolner village is very poor. Hence it should be repaired.	

9) Shri Vinay Bhausaheb Jadhav, local resident of Akolner;

Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	<p>If the special drive is carried as and when required by the project proponent to appoint a person under Compassionate Ground, why it is not implemented for PAPs (Project Affected Persons) and son/daughter of the PAPs is appointed by carrying special drive. Shri Vilas Jadhav further informed that the Akolner villagers will suffer due to this project. There were leakages of petroleum products from the existing tankages and well water is contaminated. After expansion, if the leakages again occurs, then there will be tremendous loss. The project proponent is not clarifying about the preventive measures of petroleum product leakages.</p>	<p>The project proponent informed that 30 local peoples are working from the nearby area under the contractual labour scheme. Also five personnel's from nearby villages are selected under Apprenticeship scheme in the project. He further clarified that when there will be job opportunities, the local people will be given priority.</p> <p>Further Project Proponent clarified that all the safety & Preventive measures are provided as per the standards contemplated and mock drills are undertaken from time to time for the testing and awareness of plant workers as well as nearby residents.</p>

10) Shri Vinay Bhausaheb Jadhav;

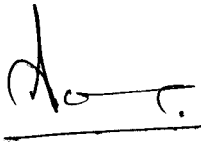
Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	<p>Resident of Akolner village informed that he alongwith some section of local people are giving writing objection to the Chairman of the Committee.</p>	

11) Shri Pravin Kothule, resident of Khadki

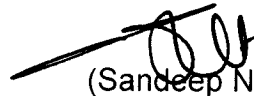
Sr. No.	Issue raised	Comments/commitments made
1	That the villagers of Khadki Grampanchayat are not at all against the project. But the water supply issue of the Akolner village should be solved permanently.	

The convener of the public hearing called upon the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question, announced that copy of the proceedings and CD to the public hearing will be available in due course of time in MPCB office at Savitribai Fule vayapari sankul, 1st floor, Hall No. 2 & 3, Near. V. Centre, Savedi, Ahmednagar-414003 Thereafter, The attendance sheet of public hearing panel as well as the concerns participated for the said public hearing is attached as annexure-II.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.



(R.R.Vasave)
SRO, MPCB, Ahmednagar
and Convener of Public
Hearing Panel



(Sandeep Nichit)
Additional District Magistrate,
Ahmednagar and Chairman of
Public Hearing Panel