

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED
AUGMENTATION OF REFRIGERATED LPG
(PROPANE/BUTANE) IMPORT FACILITY WITH
PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL STORAGE OF 2 x 12000 MT
AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT BPCL URAN LPG
PLANT PROPOSED BY BHARAT PETROLEUM
CORPORATION LTD (LPG PLANT), TAL-URAN, DIST -
RAIGAD

The public hearing of proposed project Augmentation Of Refrigerated LPG (Propane/Butane) Import Facility with provision of additional storage of 2x12000 MT and Associated Facilities at BPCL Uran LPG Plant proposed by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., (LPG Plant), Tal-Uran, Dist – Raigad was conducted on 30-01-2018 at 11.30 a.m. at Shri Thankeshwar Rangmanch Ground, Bhendkhal, BPCL, Tal – Uran, Dist-Raigad.

Following were the panel members for conducting public hearing as per the Board's Office Order E -05 of 2018 under letter no.BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B - 248, dated 19-01-2018 :-

- 1) Shri D. R. Navale, **- Chairman,**
Sub Divisional Officer, Raigad
(Representative of District Magistrate,
Raigad)
- 2) Shri A. D. Mohekar, **- Member**
Regional Officer, MPCB, Navi Mumbai
(Representative of the MPCB, Mumbai)
- 3) Shri J. S. Hajare **-Convener**
Sub Regional Officer, Taloja,
MPCB, Navi Mumbai

Shri J. S. Hajare, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Talaja welcomed Hon'ble Chairman, Project officials, Environmentalists, Journalists and General Public who were present and informed that, as per Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006, as amended, on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification. The Sub Regional Office, Talaja, MPCB, Navi Mumbai was in receipt of application from Project Proponent i.e. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Mumbai for conducting public hearing for proposed project Augmentation Of Refrigerated LPG (Propane/Butane) Import Facility with provision of additional Storage of 2x12000 MT and Associated facilities at BPCL Uran LPG Plant.

The Convener further informed that as per said Notification, the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and environment management plan of the unit. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India MoEFCC, GoI) has recommended the proposal for ToR dated 31-01-2017.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspapers on 26-12-2017 in local newspaper Dainik Krishival for Marathi and in national newspaper Indian Express for English. He said that copies of EIA report and executive summery and C.D. were also made available at various offices of Govt. of Maharashtra i.e. District Magistrate Office, Raigad, Zilla Parishad, Alibag, Dist-Raigad, Panchayat Samiti, Uran, Tahsil Office, Uran, Grampanchayat offices at Bhedkhal, Sheva, Navaghar and Phude, Tal - Uran, Dist-Raigad, District Industries Centre, Alibag, Raigad, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Talaja, Regional Office, MPCB, Navi Mumbai, and at Head Office of MPCB at Sion, Mumbai, Environment Department, Govt. of

Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The office of Sub Regional Officer, Taloja, MPCB, Navi Mumbai is in receipt of 5 (five) nos suggestions/objections during the public hearing and one objection by mail from Shri Vijay Bhoir. The concerned persons are informed to attend this meeting. Convener of the public hearing meeting appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings of public hearing.

Shri Hajare, Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting further informed that an opportunity is also given to give any suggestion or raise objection if any regarding the plant. All the suggestions and objections in the meeting and as received by the Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Taloja will be sent to MoEFCC, Gol. It will be attached alongwith the minutes of this public hearing and will be forwarded to MoEFCC for the consideration. He requested Chairman of the Committee to start further proceedings.

Shri D. R. Nawale, Chairman of Committee welcomed all and informed officials of the project to explain the details about pollution control devices and environment management plan of the project in local language Marathi. He further appealed general public to give objection / suggestion if any, about the project after technical presentation of the unit.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the Project Proponent has started to give the presentation. Some section of people objected for the same and shouted that the copies of EIA and Executive Summary were not sent to local Grampanchayat offices. The receipt of the same was shown by the MPCB officials. Chairman of the Committee appealed general public to complete the procedure of public hearing.

The officials of project proponent gave the presentation. He gave the presentation showing the 24 slides and informed as under:-

- 1) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., (BPCL), the project proponent has planned the Augmentation of Refrigerated LPG (Propane/Butane) Import Facility with provision of additional storage of 2 x 12000 MT and associated facilities like extra pipeline at its Uran LPG Plant;
- 2) In 2012, the BPCL has built two Refrigeration Cryogenic Storage tanks of the capacity of 2x8000 MT and the gas is being received through pipes from JNPT jetty;
- 3) Considering the need to provide LPG connections, the project proponent has planned to provide 3.9 lakh connection in Raigad, Palghar and Thane districts upto 2019-2020;
- 4) After sanction of ToR on 31st January, 2017 for the proposed expansion, the baseline monitoring of the 10 k.m. radius of the project was carried from March, 2017 to May, 2017;
- 5) 30 Air Monitoring Stations were selected for monitoring of Ambient Air Quality. Also 30 Noise Monitoring Stations were selected to monitor noise levels of the area;
- 6) For the monitoring of soil, the soil was collected from 15 different locations;
- 7) For monitoring of water samples, samples at 10 different locations were collected;
- 8) Also seven samples of ground water at different locations and three samples of surface water at different locations were collected;

- 9) The project proponent informed that the results of above samples are as per the limits prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board;
- 10) The officials of project proponent informed the safety measures to be adopted in the expansion project and environment management plan;
- 11) He informed that for safety measures, the project has been designed as per the guidelines of OISD;
- 12) Most advance system will be installed to find out gas leakage;
- 13) All the Operating System will be controlled by S.O.P;
- 14) All the storage tanks will be built as per API and OISD standards;
- 15) The alarm system will be installed for any mishap/leakage;
- 16) All the plant area will be provided firefighting system and total plant will be vigiled by CCTV round the clock;
- 17) The tankers will be loaded with interlock system;
- 18) The training to face any mishap will be given as per the time schedule;
- 19) The project officials informed that BPCL is committed to the development of project affected persons and have been extending job opportunities. There are 200 work force working in the plant of which most of the workers are local people;

- 20) For the development of the expansion project, there is need of nearly 350 local personnel in construction stage.

After completion of the presentation, Chairman of the Committee and Member appealed general public to give their objections/suggestions for the proposed project.

Followings have taken participant in the meeting :-

- 1) **Shri Bhushan Patil**, resident of Bokadvira village while objecting the proposed project informed that only making available copies of EIA and Executive Summary is not enough. The local people are not made aware regarding environment and social impact of the project. The District Administration and other government officials have failed in this duties. If the expansion is allowed, there will be noise and dust pollution due to construction activities. There will be increase in municipal solid waste.

He further objected that though the expansion project is of 507 crores, not a single local person is given job opportunity. Most of the local people have given their land for the project in 1970. Still no desired compensation is given. The Project Affected Persons (PAP) should be given permanent job opportunities. Shri Bhushan Patil demanded that the realistic study should be carried of the proposed project. The plan of safety and rehabilitation should be made first, then there should be expansion of project. Till then, this public hearing should be postponed.

- 2) **Shri Pradip Patil, local journalist** has given the old newspaper of Wadalvara and informed that the news was published regarding fire accidents occurred nearby the plant. He apprehended that this may happen in future.

- 3) **Shri D. K. Patil, local resident** asked project proponent whether there was any leakage incidence in the plant. It is denied by the officials of project proponent. Shri D. K. Patil alongwith others have shown some documents, which informs that there was a leakage at the storage tank of the existing site. He asked project officials to inform the dates of leakage and what is the present status. He opined that leakage will destroy everything of the vicinity of the plant.

The Officials of the project proponent informed that strict safety norms as laid down by OISD are followed. The concerned storage tank has double walls. The internal wall had developed certain fault. As it was technical issue, the storage tank was emptied to rectify the fault. Still the concerned storage tank is not in operation and still it is under maintenance.

Shri D. K. Patil, local resident informed that local people says that another gas was filled instead of notified gas. Hence the problem arised. He further asked about the Offsite Safety Plan. He further informed that there is thick grass near the railway line from which the transportation of LPG is done.

The project proponent informed that the plant is constructed as per all OISD norms and all the safety features as per OISD requirement are in place.

The project officials informed that 60% amount is earmarked for the safety purposes out of the sanctioned budget amount, while answering the question raised by Shri D. K. Patil.

- 4) **Shri Vijay Bhoir, Zilla Parishad** Member objected that whether the committee is going to consider the issues raised during the meeting or whether this is just procedure. Chairman of the public hearing committee informed that all the objections and suggestions will be

taken on record and it will be sent to MoEFCC, Govt. of India alongwith the minutes of the meeting.

- 5) **Shri Laxman Thakur**, local resident of Bhendkhal blamed that local people are denied the promises of job opportunities. He asked at present, how many local people / PAPs are working in this plant. Company officials informed that there are 200 personnels of which there are 150 are workers and 50 are officers. Shri Laxman Thakur blamed that there is no Project Affected Person (PAP) in the officers' category.

He further blamed that local people/Project Affected Persons (PAP) have been deprived from the job opportunities. He alongwith others started shouting and demanded that the project proponent is not giving the exact figures of working personnels, PAPs appointed persons. They blamed that there are vacancies due to death and superannuation, but the PAPs are not given the job opportunities. Most of local people have given their land. There is no job opportunity since 2000. The Public Hearing Committee asked the project proponent to explain the issue. The local people demanded that the project proponent should give commitment in writing that within six months, the PAPs will be given job opportunity. After getting the jobs in six months, then only this meeting should be called. Nearly, 74 – 90 people are still waiting for the job.

- 6) **Shri Nishant Gharat, Sarpanch, Navin Sheva :-**
He objected that the information furnished is false. Hence the public hearing meeting should be postponed. Chairman of the Committee opined that whatever the local people desires to raise the objection, they are allowed. The objections, suggestions will be sent in the report to Central Government.
- 7) **Shri Anant Thakur, resident Bhendkhal** objected that whatever information is given regarding number of jobs given to PAPs is not correct. The number of posts of

Officers are increased, but the number of jobs for the workers are reduced. The PAPs and local people are deprived from their right and outside personnels are appointed.

8) **Shri Ram Bhagat, resident of Bhedankal** objected that local people /PAPs should be given job opportunities. He demanded that first job opportunity should be extended to PAPs and then only public hearing should be conducted.

9) **Shri Sudhakar Patil, resident of Uran** also supported the views expressed earlier and demanded that job opportunities should be given to PAPs. Then only public hearing should be conducted.

The Public Hearing Committee asked the Tahsilar, who was present in the meeting to inform the efforts taken by the District Administration. Tahsildar briefed all the efforts and asked the project proponent to give detailed plan job opportunities to PAPs as discussed in various meetings. The project proponent informed that the HRD Department of the BPCL Corporate Office is in process of making the plan and at present he was unable to give details.

10) **Shri Prashant Patil, resident of Bhendkhal** informed that the local people does not want promise, they want action. There are vacancies due to death, superannuation. Nothing is done in respect of job opportunities by the project proponent.

The local people in groups started slogans that this public hearing should be stopped. In the presentation, it is mentioned 200 people as working personnels, now it is informed as 150.

Some section of the people started shouting that this public hearing should be postponed until the concrete promise in writing given by the project proponent

regarding job opportunities. After getting the job opportunity, this meeting should be called. They have also blamed District Administration for not helping the local people PAPs for job opportunities. They were not in mood to complete the procedure. The Police Force was present. The Public Hearing Committee and Police Force have also requested the general public to calm down. But they have protested and announced that first job opportunities to PAPs / local people and then only public hearing should be called.

Shri Santosh Pawar, resident of Uran has participated in the public hearing and demanded that the public hearing should be postponed as per wishes of local people until the job opportunities is given to PAPs.

Shri Mohekar, Member of the Public Hearing Committee and Regional Officer, MPCB, Navi Mumbai opined that in the presentation, the Ambient Air Quality of Jasai Village is shown which does not seems to be realistic. Hence it should be reviewed.

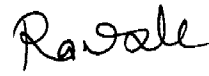
Convener of the meeting appealed general public to give their suggestions or objections if any for the proposed project regarding the Environmental Aspects only. He appealed twice. But, all the local people have walked out from the pandal.

Shri Sudhakar Patil, resident of Uran blamed that the project proponent are least bothered about the safety aspects. It is observed that more than 400 trucks stands on the road and drivers do burnt the stoves and make the eatables. This is most dangerous.

The Public Hearing Committee again appealed to submit any written suggestions, objections and any document regarding Environmental Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing Committee have reviewed all the suggestions and objections received and declared that this Public Hearing Meeting is concluded.

It is decided that this proceedings should be sent to MoEFCC, Govt. of India for information and for needful action.



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