

## **MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 2 x 900 MT CAPACITY STORAGE MOUNDED VESSEL AND INSTALLATION OF 1 x 60 STATION FLEXI CAROUSEL FOR LPG CYLINDER FILLING AT LPG BOTTLING PLANT BPCL, PLOT NO.1069 to 1079, SANASWADI, SHIRUR, DIST-PUNE PROPOSED BY M/S BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD., WESTERN REGIONAL OFFICE, PLOT NO.6, SECTOR -2, KHARGHAR, NAVI MUMBAI**

An Environmental Public Hearing for proposed project for construction of 2 x 900 MT Capacity Storage Mounded Vessel and Installation of 1 x 60 Station Flexi Carousel For LPG Cylinder Filling At LPG Bottling Plant BPCL, Plot No.1069 to 1079, Sanaswadi, Shirur, Dist-Pune proposed by M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Western Regional Office, Plot No,6, Sector – 2, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai was conducted on 13th June, 2018 at 11.00 am at proposed site of M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Plot No.1069 to 1079, Sanaswadi, Shirur, Dist-Pune.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No.E-45 of 2018 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 2120, dated 02-06-2018 :-

- 1) Shri Rajendra Muthe, - **Chairman,**  
Additional District Magistrate - Pune  
(Representative of District Magistrate,  
Pune)
  
- 2) Dr. H. D.Gandhe, - **Member,**  
I/c Regional Officer, **Convener**  
MPCB, Pune

Dr. H. D. Gandhe, Member, Convener of the public hearing welcomed all and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification. M.P.C. Board has received proposal from M/s Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., a Govt. of India Undertaking (MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS), Western Regional Office,

Plot No, 6, Sector – 2, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai for proposed project for construction of 2 x 900 MT Capacity Storage Mounded Vessel and Installation of 1 x 60 Station Flexi Carousel For LPG Cylinder Filling At LPG Bottling Plant BPCL, Plot No.1069 to 1079, Sanaswadi, Shirur, Dist-Pune, Maharashtra.

He informed that as per EIA Notification, 2006, the proposed project activities falls under Category 'B' 6 (b) [Isolated Storage & Handling of Hazardous Chemicals], which requires Environment Clearance from State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Maharashtra before commencing the project for which prior public consultation is mandatory. Member Convener further informed that the project proponent applied for ToR which is granted by the State Environment Appraisal Committee,(SEAC-I, Maharashtra) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra in its 142<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Member, Convener of the public hearing further informed that 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.

He further informed that as per said Notification, one month in advance, public notice was published in the newspapers in Daily 'Loksatta' for Marathi and in 'The Indian Express' for English on 12.05.2018. The copies of EIA report and Executive Summary were made available at various notified offices of Government viz Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (MoEFCC, Gol), Western Zonal Office, Nagpur; District Magistrate Office, Pune; Zilla Parishad, Pune; District Industries Centre, Pune; Tahsil Office- Shirur; Grampanchayat office at Sanaswadi, Tal-Shirur, Dist-Pune; Sub Regional Office, Pune-II, MPCB, Pune; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune; Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on website of MPCB. It was appealed to send any objections / suggestions regarding the project. The Convener further

informed that not a single written objection is received by the M.P.C. Board. With the permission of Chair, he informed the project representative to explain the project information to the audience.

The Project Proponent welcomed all and informed that it intends to enhance storage capacity of LPG (Additional Storage Vessels) to cater growing demand in Pune and nearby districts.

The project consultant with the help of projector briefly explained about the project and Environment Management Plan to the audience.

Afterwards, Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel requested the public to ask for their doubts, suggestions if any about the project.

**Details of Questions & Queries raised by the public and answers given by project representatives is summarized as below :-**

- 1) **Shri Bapu Sakole**, resident of Kendul village said that he is working in this plant since 10-15 years. He informed that local people are benefited due to this project. Previously local people were suffering to get the fuel for their household needs. But now there is availability of LPG cylinders, which have minimized their hardships.
- 2) **Shri Sadanand Doble**, local resident informed that he is staying herein since 2003. Previously the area was under forest; hence local people were afraid to pass from here. After inception of the project, the whole day and night, there are vehicular and human tress-passing activities. The local people are not suffering due to this project.

3) **Shri Umesh Temre**, informed that he is here since last year and he gets the cylinder as required and the local people have no problem, issues against the project.

Chairman of the Committee Shri Rajendra Muthe appealed the general public to raise objections or give suggestions only regarding the environmental issues due to expansion of the existing project. He further appealed if local people fear of the expansion; they should give their opinion and suggestion.

4) **Shri Ramesh Satpute**, Sarpanch of Sanaswadi Grampanchayat asked about the availability of fire fighting system in the plant. He further informed that there is no firefighting system available here and hence if at all there is any mishap in the plant, the firefighting system will have to called from Ranjangaon, Pune and Chakan, which will take to arrive few hours and hence firefighting system

should be made available here. Shri Satpute further expressed the opinion that the life of local people is in danger due to activities of heavy trucks on the approach road to the plant which is narrow and needs immediate repairs.

- 5) **Shri Navnath Bhujbal**, Member of Grampanchayat Sanaswadi asked about the clarification about appointment of 45 personnel after expansion. He further asked whether local people will be given job opportunities.

The project proponent informed that normally local people are appointed. At present, there are 20 contractors, which are local people only. Now there is online tendering system. Hence the contractor may be from different area, but the contractor does appoint local laborers only.

- 6) **Shri Laxman Darekar** informed that he is residing at the adjacent of the plant only and till today, the local



people have not suffered due to this plant and in future also, they should not suffer.

7) **Mrs. Sunita Darekar**, Dy. Sarpanch, Sanaswadi suggested that project proponent should undertake green drive in the nearby villages also.

Convener, Member of the Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any question, objection regarding the project. As there were no further suggestions from the audience, he requested Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to take the review of the suggestions, objections while concluding the meeting.

Shri Rajendra Muthe, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee while taking the review of the suggestions asked project proponent whether the pollution monitoring are followed scrupulously as per the guidelines. He asked about the clarification regarding area for green belt shown is 10%, though as per the guidelines, it is mandatory to ear-mark 33% of the total

area for green belt. The project proponent here clarified that typographical mistake is made. The project proponent planned to ear-mark 10 acre of land for green belt development, so the green belt area will be upto 35% of the total area.

Chairman of the Committee further expressed the opinion that the issue of firefighting system raised by the local resident should be considered immediately as the firefighting system is only available at Ranjangaon, Chakan and Pune which is far away from the plant. Hence considering the expansion of the plant, firefighting system should be made available. He further said that approach road is narrow and needs repairs. After expansion, there will be increase particularly in heavy vehicular traffic. He directed that the approach road should be repaired through CSR Funds at the earliest.

Dr. Gandhe, Member, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that periodical pollution

control monitoring is carried as per the norms. He suggested that the project proponent should install alarming system for accidental gas leakage. If the gas is produced more than permissible limits, there should be alarm.

While answering the objections, suggestions raised in the meeting, the project proponent informed that Disaster Management Plan is already prepared and 54 sensors have been installed all over the plant. The gas monitoring system is in operation. In each quarters i.e. in every three months, the mock drill is carried to train the labors, workers and officers working in the plant to face any eventuality.

Dr. Gandhe, Member, Convener of the public hearing committee informed that the suggestions, objections raised in the meeting will be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting and the report will be sent to SEIAA, Environment Department, Govt. of

Maharashtra. On behalf of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Member, Convener declared the public hearing meeting is concluded.

The public hearing was concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.



**(Dr. H. D. Gandhe)**

Convener, Member of the Public Hearing  
and Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune



**(Rajendra Muthe)**

Additional District Magistrate, Pune and  
Chairman