

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED NEW 16 MW CO-GENERATION UNIT PROPOSED BY M/S. KARMAVEER SHANKARRAO KALE SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LTD., GAUTAMNAGAR, PO. KOLPEWADI, TAL. KOPERGAON, DIST. AHMEDNGAR:**

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The public hearing for proposed new 16 MW Co-generation unit proposed by M/s. Karmaveer Shankarrao Kale Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., was conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2018 at 11.00 a.m. at the site of the said industry.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No. E-96 of 2018 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 4124, dated 05-11-2018:-

- 1) Shri. Prashant Patil, - **Chairman**  
Addl. District Magistrate, A'nagar  
(Representative of District Magistrate,  
Ahmednagar)
- 2) Shri. A.M.Kare - **Member**  
I/c Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik
- 3) Shri. Ajit Patil. - **Convener**  
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB  
Ahmednagar

Shri Ajit Patil, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Ahmednagar and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Chairman of the public hearing committee, company officials and public who were present in large number and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> 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, MPCB, Ahmednagar was in receipt of application of M/s Karmaveer Shankarrao Kale Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., for proposed new 16 MW Co-generation unit.

The Convener 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.

As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in national newspaper The Times of India for English on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2018. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summery was made available at various offices of Government i.e.

1. District Collector, Ahmednagar.
2. District Industries Centre, Ahmednagar.
3. CEO Zilha Parishad Ahmednagar.
4. Environment Dept., Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
5. HQ MPCB Mumbai.
6. Regional Office, MPCB Nashik
7. Sub-Divisional Officer, A'nagar
8. Tahasildar, Kopergaon
9. Grampanchayat – Kolpewadi, Shahajapur, Kolgaon Thadi, Suregaon, Madi Bk., Malegaon Deshmukh, Kumbhari, Velapur, Derde Chandwad, Dharangaon, Tal. Kopergaon, Dist. Ahmednagar.

The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. The Convener further informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Ahmednagar has not received any objection regarding this project. He informed the participant of the meeting to give their suggestions or objections if any.

Convener further informed that the suggestions and objections raised during the meeting will be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting and will be submitted to Central Government.

He appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow to start the proceedings & the Chairman directed to give the presentation in this matter.

The Environment Consultant appointed by the company has given the presentation of the project and Environment Management Plan in detail.

After completion of the presentation, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee appealed general public to ask any question to project officials.

### **PROCEEDING OF PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Questions / queries raised by local residents during the said hearing**

1. Mr. Changdeo Sampatrao Hon

Resident of Derde Chandwad, Tal. Kopergaon, Dist. Ahmednagar has raised following points.

My village is about 8 to 9 kms. away. I am member of the sugar factory. I carefully listen the presentation given regarding proposed new 16 MW Co-generation unit. This project might be installed before. The farmers present have no any objection. Due to this new project, new employment opportunities will be increased for their lads and due to increase in income from the new source; they will get more sugar cane tonnage rate. The environment is harmed due to use of chemical fertilizer. He further informed that, a Seminar on Natural Agriculture was addressed by Hon'ble Mr. Subhashji Palekar at Shirdi. The said seminar is attended by the Hon'ble Chairman of the Factory, farmers from the nearby vicinity. The Deputy Chairman of the Finance Commission was also present to the inauguration ceremony. He informed that, about 2 to 4 farmers of his village has started natural agriculture and stopped the use of chemical fertilizers since last 2 to 4 years. He assured that farmers will also help for the betterment of the environment and industry will also undertake environmental awareness programme and so that they don't have any objection.

2. Mr. Shivajirao Rajendra Wabale

Resident of Shahajapur, Tal. Kopergaon, Dist. Ahmednagar has raised following points.

The industry has proposed to install 16 MW Co-generation unit is a good sign. This project might be installed before. This project has support from all farmers in the

vicinity and members of the sugar factory and this will not cause any losses. The installation of this project immediately is will of the local people.

3. Mr. Saheblal Shaikh

Resident of Kolgaon Thadi, Tal. Kopergaon, Dist. Ahmednagar has raised following points.

Today, the hearing of new 16 MW Co-generation unit is arranged. We, the farmers and members of the sugar cane factory are very happy for the proposed installation of new 16 MW Co-generation unit, it might be installed before. Due to this proposed unit, the farmers will be benefited and un-employed will get job opportunities. The proposed unit may please be installed immediately and farmers have no any objection to this proposed unit.

4. Mr. Bhausahab Kacheshwar Lute

Resident of Kolgaon Thadi, Tal. Kopergaon, Dist. Ahmednagar, has raised following points.

Our village is located adjacent to M/s. Karmaveer Shankarrao Kale Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana. Till-date no any pollution problem is arises from the Distillery, Sugar Factory & Paper Mill Section and industry is taking utmost measures for the abatement of the pollution so their village has no any objection for the installation of the new 16 MW Co-generation unit.

5. Mr. Pandurang Vishwanath Dhomas

Resident of Kolgaon Thadi has advised to complete all the formalities for installation of new 16 MW Co-generation unit and they have no any objection.

6. Mr. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist

He speaks in English and also submitted the copy of the same.

The Consultant of the Industry has undertaken survey of Air, Water & Land in 10 kms radius properly, which will be very useful for future environment betterment planning. The storage tanks shall be provided to collect the rain water flowing from the factory area, which will help to increase the underground water level. The fruit bearing

plants and medicinal value plants shall be planted in the surrounding villages and road sides so as to control the air pollution. The priority in job opportunity shall be given to the local unemployed. The skill development training shall be given to the unemployed youths. The CSR fund shall be utilized for demand oriented works after proper consultation between factory officials, concerned Govt. officials and MPCB officials. To promote the farmers for sugarcane planting and for minimum utilization of water either by drip irrigation or by sprinkler. He has given best wishes for the development of the industry and requested to take necessary care for the preservation of the environment.

**Answer / reply given by the project proponent :**

The Representative of the Factory replied point-wise as here under, the industry has complied CREP Guidelines. The industry has provided ETP of adequate capacity. The industry has provided online monitoring system and same is connected to CPCB Server. The area under plantation is 25 acres. During the current year 5,800 plantations is done. In the existing factory 1085 job opportunities are given to the local farmers and total percentage is about 90%.

The Representative of the factory informed that, in the current year 5,800 plantations is done and total 15,000 plantations is done, the said information is already submitted to the District Collector Office, Ahmednagar.

The General Manager of the industry informed that, the points discussed in the hearing are noted. The points raised by Mr. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist will be placed in the meeting of the Directors of the Industry and assured that industry will take utmost steps for the betterment of the environment in and around the factory premises / surrounding area.

**Directions / Suggestions given by the committee:**


The Convener of the Public Hearing Panel raised a query regarding compliance of CREP Guidelines, installation of adequate capacity of ETP, Installation and Operation of Online Monitoring System, Area under Plantation, No. of existing Plantation, Employment opportunities to be given to the local farmers, & no. of job opportunities given etc.,

The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel pointed out that in the presentation the plantation figure is shown as 15,000 and directed to clarify.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel asked anybody would like to raise any query if any? But nobody has raised any query / point, then he directed to the industry representative to reply the points discussed in the said public hearing.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel thank the Govt. Officials present, Industry Administration and respected citizens of the surrounding area for their active participation and co-operation in the said public hearing and he ensured that nobody has any question hence, he declared that the public hearing is concluded.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



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