

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED EXPANSION PROJECT OF DISTILLERY UNIT FROM 30 KLD TO 60 KLD IN RESPECT OF M/S. PURNA SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LTD., AT BABHULGAON, TAL. BASMATHNAGAR, DIST. HINGOLI, MAHARASHTRA:**

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The environmental public hearing for proposed expansion project of distillery unit from 30 KLD to 60 KLD in respect of M/s. Purna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Babulgaon, Tal. Basmathnagar, District- Hingoli, Maharashtra was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Additional District Magistrate, Hingoli on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 12.00 a.m. at the Collector Office, Hingoli.

Following were the panel members as per Board's Office Order No. E-32 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -210407 FTS 0119 :-

- 1) Addl. District Magistrate : **Chairman**  
Dist. Hingoli
- 2) Regional Officer, : **Member**  
MPCB, Aurangabad
- 3) Sub-Regional Officer, : **Convener**  
MPCB Parnhani.

Mr. Jayant Kadam, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Parbhani and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public who were online present and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about the said proposed expansion project of distillery unit from 30 KLD to 60 KLD in respect of M/s. Purna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Babulgaon, Tal. Basmathnagar, District- Hingoli, Maharashtra.

He 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 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to

certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit is also comes under the purview of this Notification.

The Project Proponent has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 22.02.2021 for conducting the public hearing for proposed expansion project of distillery from 30 KLD to 60 KLD. As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in "Daily Sakal" for Marathi and in national newspaper "The Times of India" for English on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

The District Magistrate, Hingoli has directed to conduct the said public hearing through ZOOM APP due to current COVID19 pandemic situation.

The Convener further informed that, the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware local people who can be participated in the hearing and they should know the activity to be carried out in the proposed expansion project of molasses based distillery from 30 KLD to 60 KLD in respect of M/s. M/s. Purna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Babulgaon, Tal. Basmathnagar, District Hingoli, Maharashtra.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summary (in Marathi & English) was made available at various offices of Government i.e.

- District Collector, Hingoli
- District Industries Centre, Hingoli
- CEO, Zilha Parishad, Hingoli
- Chief Officer, Municipal Council, Hingoli & Basmat
- Tahasildar, Tahsil Office, Basamathnagar and Hingoli.
- Grampanchayat Office, Villages: Babulgaon,
- Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Parbhani.
- Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Aurangabad.
- Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (HQ), Sion, Mumbai-22.
- Environment Deptt. Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Nagpur.

The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project. if any?

The Convener further informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Parbhani had appealed to the concerned to submit any objection / suggestion but Sub-Regional Office, MPCB Parbhani has received only one email from Madhubabu on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. Further, he informed the participants of the hearing to give their suggestions or objections if any?

The Convener further informed that the suggestions and objections raised during the hearing will be incorporated in the minutes of the hearing.

He appealed Chairman of the Panel to allow the Environment Consultant for giving the presentation & the Chairman directed to give the presentation in this matter.

The Representative of M/s. Purna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Babulgaon, Tal. Basmathnagar, District Hingoli, Maharashtra and Representative of Environmental Consultant and Laboratory, MITCON Consultancy and Engineering Services Ltd., Pune, has given information in brief along with presentation on various environmental aspects i.e. Environment Impact Assessment and intention behind arranging the Public Hearing, Details about the Project, Project Plan, Environment Status, Details of local Environment and surrounding environment information, Locations of the study area, Air quality in the study area, Noise levels in the study area, Water quality in the study area, Soil quality in the study area, Bio-diversity, Socio-Economic Environment, Expected impact on the surrounding area, Environment Management Plan, Remedial measures on the various environmental impacts, Social Economic Development Plan under Environmental Responsibility Plan, Budgetary provisions for environmental management, Net gain from the project etc.,

After completion of the presentation, the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? so as to enable to take the note of the same in the proceedings. Further, he appealed to the participants to inform their name, address before raising any suggestions, views, comments etc., if any?

## PROCEEDINGS:

Sr. No.	Name, Design. and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent / Consultant
1.	Shri. Ashutosh Panditrao Deshmukh r/o. (resident of Basmathnagar) has raised a point about the disposal of solid waste to be generated from the proposed project.	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that the fly ash generated from bagasse having high concentration of potash will be used as manure.</p> <p>Fly ash generated from coal burning will be given to the brick manufacturers as per the Notification.</p> <p>Yeast sludge will be mixed with press mud and spent wash in the compost yard.</p>
2.	Shri. Sanjay Kshirsagar r/o. Jawali (Kandarban) has raised a point regarding steps to be taken for reduction of pollution from the wastewater to be generated from the industry.	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, The spent wash will treated in MEE and further disposed in incineration boiler.</p> <p>The full-fledge ETP will be provided so as to achieve Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD), so there will not be any adverse impact on the crops.</p>
3.	Shri. Daulat Kumbhar. r/o. Balapur has raised a point regarding generation of employment opportunities for the residents/local citizens.	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, directly / indirectly 80 job opportunities will be generated and out of which 30 to 40 job opportunities will be given to the local residents.</p>
4.	Shri. Ram Nivruti Zunjurde r/o. Bhoripgaon has raised a point regarding env. impact on the surrounding farming.	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, full-fledge water, air and noise pollution control arrangements will be provided, hence, there will not be any adverse env. Impact on the surrounding farming.</p>
5.	Shri. Raju Naravghare r/o. Babhulgaon has raised a point regarding steps to be taken for control of water pollution.	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, full-fledge ETP will be provided so as to achieve Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD).</p> <p>The spent wash will be treated in MEE and further disposed in incineration boiler.</p>

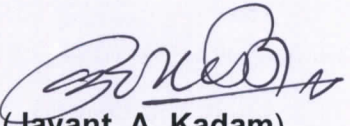
6.	<p>Shri. Avinash Uttamrao Gaware. r/o. Pimpala (Chaure) has raised a point regarding plans to be implemented for the betterment of the farmers.</p> <p>Further enquired about the source of water for the proposed unit.</p>	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, the manure will be made available in the reasonable rates. As per the budget provisions, various programmes will be undertaken such as Tree plantation, social programmes etc.,</p> <p>Water will be made available from the adjacent canal and they got the permission. The wastewater will be recycled so that 60% water will be saved and additional water will be required in a very meager quantity.</p>
7.	<p>Shri. Vilas Shankar Padole. r/o. Mandi has raised a point regarding running the unit full year.</p> <p>Raised a query regarding health hazards due to proposed unit.</p>	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, they have planned to operate the unit 330 days / year.</p> <p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, the details in this respect are incorporated in the EIA report.</p>
8.	<p>The Member of the Public Hearing Panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad has given certain suggestions for preservation of environment i.e. Lacunas in the EIA report, In EIA report venturiscrubber is mentioned but in presentation ESP is mentioned and pointed out the contradiction. Consent copy is not attached. Permission will be obtained was informed during the presentation. Adverse effects on the surrounding villages due to incineration. All permissions should be attached with final EIA.</p>	<p>The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, no any village is located in the impact zone. All the suggestions given by the Member of the Public Hearing Panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB will be complied in final EIA report.</p>

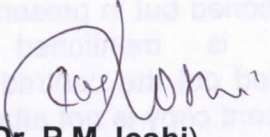
The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel again appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? but nobody has raised any point.

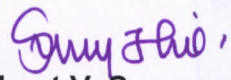
The Convener of the Public Hearing Panel summarized the public hearing in brief. The information given by the Technical Consultant in the power point presentation, questions raised in the public hearing and the replies thereof etc., all these points will be incorporated in the minutes of the public hearing and same will be submitted to the Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai, for further line of action. Also the VDO shooting, Photographs and copies of the complaint/suggestions received, attendance sheet etc. will be submitted along with the minutes of the public hearing.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel concluded the said hearing and informed that, the suggestions / complaints / objections etc., raised by the residents are noted. The questions raised in the said public hearing and replied by the Technical Consultant will be incorporated in the minutes of the public hearing. Further, he thanked all the participants i.e. residents, officers / employees working in various offices who have participated in the environmental public hearing.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Jayant A. Kadam)  
Convener and Sub-Regional Officer,  
M.P.C. Board, Parbhani

  
(Dr. P.M. Joshi)  
Member and Regional Officer,  
M.P.C. Board, Aurangabad

  
( Chandrakant V. Suryavanshi )  
Chairman  
And  
Additional District Magistrate, Hingoli.