

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED MOLASSES BASED DISTILLERY PROJECT OF 30 KLD IN RESPECT OF 'M/S. SHRI VITTHALSAI SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LIMITED, RAJIV GANDHI NAGAR, MURUM, TAL. UMARGA, DIST. OSMANABAD, MAHARASHTRA:

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The public hearing for proposed molasses-based distillery project of 30 KLD in respect of M/s. Shri Vitthalsai Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Murum, Tal. Umarga, Dist. Osmanabad, Maharashtra was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Additional District Magistrate, Osmanabad on 20th August 2021 at 11.30 a.m.

Following panel members were present during the environmental public hearing as per Board's Office Order No. E- 55 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC) / PH / B – 210723 FTS 0153 dtd. 23rd July, 2021.

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| 1) Addl. District Magistrate
Dist. Osmanabad | : | Chairman |
| 2) Regional Officer,
MPCB, Aurangabad | : | Member |
| 3) Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB Latur | : | Convener |

Mr. Jayant Kadam, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Latur and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public who were present and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about the said proposed project of molasses based distillery of 30 KLD in respect of M/s. Shri Vitthalsai Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Murum, Tal. Umarga, Dist. Osmanabad, Maharashtra.

He informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. 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 and this unit is also comes under the purview of this Notification.

The Project Proponent has applied to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed project of molasses-based distillery of 30 KLD. As per the 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 09th July 2021. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

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 project of molasses based distillery of 30 KLD in respect of M/s. Shri Vitthalsai Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Murum, Tal. Umarga, Dist. Osmanabad, Maharashtra.

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

- * District Collector, Osmanabad
- * District Industries Centre, Osmanabad
- * CEO Zilha Parishad, Osmanabad
- * Tahasildar, Tahsil Office Umarga, Tal. Umarga, Dist. Osmanabad
- Grampanchayat Office of Sunderwadi, Tal. Umarga, Dist. Osmanabad
- * Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur.
- * 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, Latur had appealed to the concerned to submit any objection / suggestion accordingly Sub-Regional Office, MPCB Latur has received only one representation through email from Shri. H. Madhubabu on behalf of Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society. 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. Shri Vitthalsai Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Murum, Tal. Umarga, Dist. Osmanabad, Maharashtra and Representative of Vasant Dada Sugar Institute, 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. Ulhas Subhash Ghurghure r/o. Varnalwadi has raised a point regarding provision for making available 868 CMD water for proposed distillery.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, 70% water will be recycled hence water requirement will be only 260 CMD. The NOC is obtained from the irrigation department for water supply from the dam.
2	Shri. Balaji Bide r/o. of Bhosga raised a point regarding developments to be caused in the area from the proposed project.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, the said area will be developed, employment opportunities will be increased for residents. Due to increase in income there will be growth of the economy in the area.
3	The Member of the public hearing panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad has raised a point regarding indirect benefits from the proposed project.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, transporters and hotel business will be benefitted.
4	Shri. Mohmd. Ali Gulab Mulla r/o. Sundarwadi has raised a point regarding benefits to the local residents and farmers.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, he has already replied thereof.
5	Shri. H. Madhubabu, Environment Activist from Hyderabad has requested to consider the points raised by	The Member of the public hearing panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad has replied that the representation given by him will be attached along with the report.

	him in his representation.	
6	Shri. Vishnumurti Environment Activist from Hyderabad has raised a point to arrange monthly health check-up camp.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, they have already conducted health check-up camps and in future it will be continued.
7	Shri. Venkat Reddy Environment Activist from Hyderabad has raised points i.e. to provide the pollution prevention measures, to provide fresh water, to conduct health camps, to utilize the large amount of CSR fund in affected villages etc. and supported in favour of the project.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that, budgetary provision of CSR fund is made. The Managing Director of the industry has replied that, regular health checkup camps are arranged by the industry. Fresh water is also supplied by the industry.
8	The Member of the public hearing panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad has raised certain point that, ground water samples are not collected from Osmanabad, Tuljapur and Umarga hence advised to delete paragraph from the draft EIA report with respect to it. He enquired about the predominant wind direction and dangers thereof. He insisted for installation of OCEMS.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that wind direction is towards East and Northeast. Sundarwadi is located towards South and air quality of Sundarwadi may be increased by 1 microgram. Further, the project proponent assured to comply with the points raised by the Member of the public hearing panel and the Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad.

9	The Chairman of the public hearing panel and Addl. District Magistrate, Osmanabad has informed that, tree is main element of environment hence advised for dense plantation and to develop green belt. Further, he advised to arrange health check up camps for residents and farmers in the surrounding area. Also, advised to carry out plantation in the surrounding area.	The Representative of the Project Proponent has replied that 33 % area of the available open space will be covered under green belt. 1500 trees are planted in one hector.
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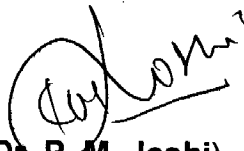
The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel again appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? but nobody has raised any point. Further, he directed to comply the points raised by the Member of the public hearing panel and take the note of the same in EIA report and in the proceedings and same will be submitted to the Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai, for further line of action. Also, the videos, photographs and copies of the complaint / representation received, attendance sheet etc., will also be submitted along with the minutes.

The Convener of the public hearing panel thanked all the participants i.e. residents, officers / employees working in various offices who have participated in the online public hearing.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Jayant Kadam)
Convener
and
SRO, MPCB Latur



(Dr. P. M. Joshi)
Member
and
Regional Officer, MPCB A'bad



(Shivkumar Swami)
Chairman
and

Additional District Magistrate, Osmanabad

