

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR UNIT FROM 3500 TCD TO 10000 TCD AND CO-GENERATION PLANT FROM 15 MW TO 40 MW BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S. BALIRAJA SAKHAR KARKHANA LIMITED, GAT NO. 148, 149, 151, 152, 158, 164, 165 AND 166, VILLAGE KANADKHED, TAL. PURNA, DIST. PARBHANI.

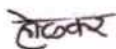
The Environment Public Hearing for the proposed expansion of sugar unit from 3500 TCD to 10000 TCD and Co-Generation Plant from 15 MW to 40 MW by Project Proponent M/s. Baliraja Sakhar Karkhana Limited, Gat No. 148, 149, 151, 152, 158, 164, 165 and 166, Village Kanadkhed, Tal. Purna, Dist. Parbhani was conducted on 07-05-2025 at 10.30 am at the project site.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 28 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 250408- FTS- 0179 dated 08-04-2025. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. The following Panel members were present during the public hearing:

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| 1. Shri. Jeevraj Dapkar
Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Sub Divisional Office, Gangakhed. | : Chairman |
| 2. Shri. Manish Holkar
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. | : Member |
| 3. Shri. S. M. Kurmude
Sub Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Parbhani. | : Convenor |

Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Convener of Environment Public hearing and Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Parbhani welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, Regional officer, M. P. C. B. Chh. Sambhajinagar, Chairman of the project and public representatives and public present for the hearing and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about Public Hearing.

Shri. S. M. Kurmude 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 and further amendments, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit comes under the purview of this Notification. The Project Proponent has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 22/02/2025 with request to conduct public hearing. The Hon'ble District Collector, Parbhani deputed Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gangakhed for conducting public hearing, with the permission of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Gangakhed the public hearing was scheduled on 07/05/2025 time 10.30 a.m. accordingly, notice was published 30 days before in



Daily Sakal, Dainik Deshonnati (in Marathi) & Daily Times of India (in English) on dated 03/04/2025. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report on the project (in English and Marathi) were made available for study to the interested public in the respective Gram Panchayat office, local government offices and website of the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board. The list of offices where made available are as below-

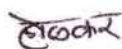
1. The District Collector, District Collector Office, Parbhani.
2. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad Office, Parbhani.
3. Sub-Divisional Officer, Sub-Divisional Office, Gangakhed, Dist. Parbhani.
4. Manager, District Industries Centre, Parbhani.
5. Tahsildar, Tahsil Office Purna, Tal. Purna, Dist. Parbhani.
6. Chief Officer, Municipal Council Purna, Dist. Parbhani.
7. Gram Panchayat Office Kanadkhed, Tal. Purna, Dist. Parbhani.
8. Sub Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, Devkrupa Building, 1st Floor, Rangnath Maharaj Nagar, Nandkheda Road, Tal. Dist. Parbhani.
9. Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalhana, Tal. Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
10. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Headquarters, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opposite Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
11. Environment Department, New Administration Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
12. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, West Central Region, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

He also mentioned that the Board has given 30 days period for submission of any suggestions/Objections/views etc. about the project as per the notifications and Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Parbhani has received 3 nos. of suggestions through email as follows-

1. Shri. Navin Kumar Palle, United, Social Services Society, Telangana.
2. Shri. V. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Telangana.
3. Shri. Rangarao Kothakonda, Save Earth, Metro Urban and Rural Development Society, Telangana.

The said suggestions have been recorded and are being attached. Also, he informed the public that participants can raise their objections, comments etc. in oral or written after the presentation of the Public Hearing. After that, he requested the said project proponent to give presentation about the proposed project with the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman.

Shri A. J. Yevale the project consultant, M/s. Technogreen Solutions Limited, Pune, has given information in brief along with presentation on various environmental aspects i.e. project, including Introduction, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), and the purpose of the public hearing, Location of the project, Google map of the project site, Project details, Project layout, Study area of the project, Current photographs of the project site, Key features of the proposed project, Basic requirements for the proposed project, Environmental baseline condition studies, Details of the local environmental conditions and surroundings, Information about the study area, Air quality monitoring results within the study area, Noise monitoring results in the study area,



Water quality monitoring results within the study area, Groundwater and surface water quality results, Soil quality monitoring results in the study area, Soil quality conclusions, Biodiversity and environmental studies, Land classification within the study area, Socio-economic environment analysis, Expected impacts on the surrounding environment, Environmental management plan, Online Continuous Environmental Monitoring System (OCEMS), water, and wastewater management, Solid waste management, Greenbelt development and photographs, Details of the post monitoring program, Environmental management cell information, Social responsibility initiatives, Environmental management costs, Project benefits, etc. The information on the above is recorded in the pen drive and taken notes in brief in the minutes of the public hearing. A copy of the presentation made is also attached.

After concluding the power point presentation of said project by the Project Consultant, Shri. S. M. Kurmude requested to present public to give their suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. by stating their name and village.

After that, following suggestions, notes, thoughts, questions, etc. were raised and reply to the same was given by project consultant/proponent.

Sr. No.	Name and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent/ Consultant
1.	Shri. S. M. Kurmude, SRO, MPCB, Parbhani, asked the project consultant that, in the project presentation, only three numbers of Gat i.e. 149, 165, 166, are mentioned but in the EIA draft there are total 08 Gat numbers, clarification on this.	On this, the Project consultant said that, the total area of the project is 29.37 hectares, but due to mistake, only three Gat numbers have been shown in the presentation, but the EIA draft there are 08 Gat numbers mentioned necessary correction will be done.
2.	Shri. Maroti Bakan, Sarpanch, Res. of Kanadkhed, Tal. Purna, Dist. Parbhani asked that, due to the expansion of the said industry, the capacity of the project will increase significantly, therefore, how many employees/labors will this industry require. He also requested the project proponent to give first priority to local citizens in employment.	On this, the Project consultant said that, the expansion project will employ approximately 120 additional new workers. The workers will be recruited based on the qualifications of skilled/unskilled and priority will be given to local citizens of the nearby area.
3.	Shri. Ram Tukaram Waghmare, Res of Ajadapur asked that, the sugar factory expansion project will increase production capacity and how it will	On this, the Project consultant said that, the sugar factory and the new expansion project are related to agriculture. The sugar factory expansion project will increase the sugarcane crushing capacity, due to timely sugarcane

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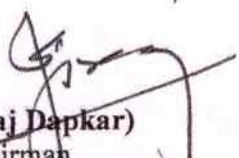
	benefit the farmers in the surrounding area.	crushing will be done and the surrounding farmers will be able cultivate more sugarcane crops and get a fair price for sugarcane. The farmers here will benefit.
4.	Shri. Madhav Anandrao Kadam, Res. of Karandeshwar, asked that, how much time required for the completion of the proposed expansion project.	On this, the Project consultant said that, the work on the expansion project is in primary stages. Today's public hearing on the environmental issue is being held for environmental approval. The project will be started within 12 months after obtaining the permission of the State Level Environmental Expert Assessment Committee, Government of Maharashtra.
5.	Shri. Yogesh Kadam, Res. of Kanadkhed, said that, the expansion project will increase the capacity of the factory, what measures will be taken to prevent air and water pollution.	<p>On this, the Project consultant said that, the bagasse produced in the sugar factory will be used as fuel, thereby reducing air pollution. An 80 meter height chimney will be installed for the proposed 110 TPH boiler. Also, ESP (Electrostatic Precipitator) will be installed, which is 99.9 percent efficient. Therefore, the dust from the boiler in this project will not be released into the surrounding area or into the air, thus preventing air pollution.</p> <p>Further talking about wastewater, he said that full care has been taken to ensure that wastewater does not flow outside the factory. The existing factory has advanced Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) with a capacity of 500 CMD. The proposed expansion project will upgrade Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) with a capacity of 1000 CMD. In this, the effluent generated from the factory will be treated and used to develop a green belt in the factory area. This means that no effluent will go outside the factory and hence there will be no water pollution.</p>
6.	Shri. Manish Holkar, RO MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar, asked the project consultant that, the existing factory has 81 meter height chimney for 80 TPH boiler and for proposed project 80-meter height chimney is to be provided to 110	On this, the Project consultant said that, in the existing plant 81 meters chimney is combinedly provided for 80 TPH and 14 TPH boilers and as per CPCB standards the chimney of height 80 meters is proposed for 110 TPH boiler.

Finally, he thanked the participants and declared that the public hearing on the environment for the proposed project is ended.

The Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the **Chair**.


(S. M. Kurmude)
Convenor
And
Sub Regional Officer
MPCB, Parbhani


(Manish Holkar)
Member
And
Regional Officer
MPCB, Ch. Sambhajingar


(Jeevraj Dapkar)
Chairman
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