Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing For Expansion of existing Sugar factory from 12,000 TCD to 17,000 TCD, (Sugar cane crushing capacity) and Molasses-based distillery unit from 150 KLD to 400 KLPD (based on syrup, B-heavy or C-molasses), and Cogeneration Plant from 38 MW to 62.5 MW capacity At Gat No. 392 B, Baradgaon Sudrik Village, Ambikanagar, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra By Project Proponent M/s. Shri Ambalika Sugar Private Limited.

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Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahilyanagar and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Ahilyanagar welcomed Resident District Magistrate, Ahilyanagar and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings of Public Hearing.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that

as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th 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.

He informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application from M/s. Shri Ambalika Sugar Private Ltd., to conduct Environment Public Hearing Regarding expansion.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation 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.

After sanction from District Magistrate, Ahilyanagar to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing On Tuesday, the 28th October, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. at project site - M/s. Shri Ambalika Sugar Private Limited, 392 B, Baradgaon Sudrik Village, Ambikanagar, Tal. Karjat, District-Ahilyanagar. Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 72 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-251016- FTS- 0269, dated 16-10-2025 as under.

- District Magistrate-Ahilyanagar or his representative not below the rank of an Additional District Magistrate
- Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -Regional Officer – Nashik,

Chairman

Member

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik

Sub Regional Officer,
 Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
 Ahilyanagar

Convener

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahilyanagar in the local newspaper in daily Sakal for Marathi and in national newspaper daily Times of India for English on 19-09-2025. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices as under:-

1) Hon. District Collector, Collector Office, Ahilyanagar.

General Manager, District Industries Centre, Ahilyanagar.

Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ahilyanagar.

 Sub Divisional Officer – Karjat, Taluka-Karjat, District-Ahilyanagar.

5) Tahsil Office-Karjat, Taluka-Karjat, District-Ahilyanagar.

6) Panchayat Samiti Office-Karjat, Taluka-Karjat, District-

Ahilyanagar.

 Grampanchayat Office – Baradgaon Sudrik, Baradgaon Dagadi, Bhambora, Taju, Belwandi, Siddhatek, Jalalpur, Vaysewadi, Karmanwadi, Ganeshwadi, Taluka-Karjat, District-Ahilyanagar.

 Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor,

Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 032.

9) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (Head Office), Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022.

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- Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik.
- Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Savitribai Fule Commercial Building, 1st Floor, Hall No.2 & 3, Near T.V. Center, Savedi, Ahilyanagar – 414 003
- 12) Website, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Executive Summary of the Proposed Project is made available in Marathi and English.

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in writing also and same is noted in minutes of meeting and forwarded with video recording to the Government.

Convener, with the approval of the Chairman of environmental public hearing committee, ordered the project promoters to make a presentation about the project.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman, Environmental Consultant made a presentation about the proposed project and the Environmental Management Plan.

After completion of the presentation convener appeal to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environmental Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by the Project Proponent/ Project Environment Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee:-

1) Shri Vijay Rasal, Residence-Shedgaon, Taluka-Shrigonda,

District – Ahilyanagar:-

Shri Vijay Rasal said that, we support the expansion of the project as proposed by the Project Proponent. The expansion will benefit farmers,

villages and society. He expressed hope that sugarcane transportation causes damage to roads and that the damaged roads should be repaired.

Project Proponent assured that follow up will be taken for regular maintenance of the road.

2) Shri Sagar Londhe, Residence-Bhambora, Taluka-Karjat, District-Ahilyanagar:-

Whether proposed expansion will cause air and water pollution in the area and what measures Project Proponent planned to address it?

Project Proponent assured that during expansion advanced Air Pollution control system & water Pollution Control system will be provided to control the Pollution.

3) <u>Dr. Nitin Pisal, Residence-Baradgaon Sudrik, Taluka-Karjat, District – Ahilyanagar:-</u>

He has initially welcomed the expansion and said that, the standard of living in the factory's area has improved. He also said that the factory has improved the quality of life in agriculture and the area by providing water near Gayran (Cow grazing hill) hill. The factory has provided job opportunities to the local people and provided education facilities to the children of the area.

Also, the factory is providing continuous guidance on afforestation and agriculture, which has led to an increase in agricultural production. He requested project proponent to give priorities to local People in Jobs during expansion also give priorities to local students for admission in educational institutes of project proponent.

Project Proponent assured that priority would be given to local people in the employment required in the expansion project. Also

priorities would be given to local students for admission in educational institutes of project proponent.

4) Shri Sanjay Sudrik Patil, Baradgaon Sudrik, Taluka-Karjat, District – Ahilyanagar:-

Ten villages which are located near the factory area have benefited from the green belt developed by the Project Proponent until now and the employment generated from it. Also, the expansion will prevent the loss of local farmers from their surplus sugarcane production and crushing it on time, thus preventing losses to the farmers and helping in economic empowerment. Also, the expansion will provide employment opportunities to the local people.

Project Proponent assured that priority would be given to locals in the employment required for the expansion project

5) Shri Sunanda Reddy, Residence-Telangana State:-

He congratulated Project Proponent for the expansion of the project. He suggested that medicinal valued plants and fruit bearing trees should be planted while developing the green belt. Also he requested Government of India to issue Environment clearance to Proposed expansion project without delay.

6) Shri Prashant Gavade, Residence-Baradgaon Sudrik, Taluka-Karjat, District – Ahilyanagar:-

How much additional manpower will be required in the project due to the expansion?

Project Proponent replied that the expansion could provide employment opportunities to around 150-200 people.

7) R. Vyankatesh, State - Telangana:-

Even though Project Proponent have developed more than 33%

of the green belt, they should plant more medicinal plants and fruit trees.

Local vehicles should be given priority for additional transportation due to expansion of this project.

8) Shri Aakkalaiahh, State - Telangana:-

He requested Government of India to give early approval to the said expansion project.

9) <u>Shri Rajendra Gund, Residence – Kuldharan, Taluka-Karjat, District – Ahilyanagar:-</u>

Tractor are used to bring sugarcane to the project. What measures will be taken to prevent accidents with its trolley?

Project Proponent replied that they have installed reflectors on tractor trolleys in the past and in the future, reflectors will be installed wherever needed.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all participants to raise any suggestions, views, objections in respect of proposed project in environmental angle only. There was no response from the participants.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee remarked that participants have suggested to cultivate medicinal valued plants and fruit bearing plants. Suggestions should be implemented whole heartly. Also Health Camps should be arranged from time to time in the area. To empower local young boys and girls for obtaining jobs, Skill Development Training should be organized from time to time.

As suggested in the public hearing local people should be given job opportunities.

Here, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any suggestions, objections in respect of the

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proposed project in environmental angle only. There was no response from the participants.

Convener of Public Hearing Committee concluded the public hearing with permission of Chairman of Public Hearing Committee & Thanked to all participants & chairman of Public Hearing Committee.

Total suggestions received - 05 Nos.

(Chandrakant N. Shinde)

Convener,

Environment Public Hearing Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahilyanagar

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Member.

Committee

And

Regional Officer,

Maharashtra Pollution Control

Board, Nashik

(Dadasaheb Gite)

Chairman,

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Resident Deputy Collector, Ahilyanagar District - Ahilyanagar