

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF 105 KLPD MOLASSES BASED \ SUGARCANE JUICE\SYRUP BASED DISTILLERY AT GUT NOS. 363,375 AT POST MAULI NAGAR BELKUND TALUKA- AUSA DIST- LATUR 413520 MAHARASTRA STATE BY PROJECT PROPONENT M/S SHRI SANT SHIROMANI MARUTI MAHARAJ SAHAKARI SAKHAR KARKHANA LIMITED , AT POST – MAULI NAGAR BELKUND TALUKA- AUSA DIST-LATUR 413520 MAHARASTRA STATE.

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed Establishment of 105 KLPD Molasses Based/Sugarcane Juice /Syrup Based Distillery at Gut Nos. 363,375 At Post- Mauli Nagar Belkund Taluka- Ausa Dist-Latur 413520, Maharashtra by Project Proponent M/s Shri Sant Shiromani Maruti Maharaj Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited At Post- Mauli Nagar Belkund Taluka- Ausa Dist-Latur 413520 , Maharashtra was held on Thursday , the 24th December 2025 on 11.30 a.m. at Project Site- , At Post- Mauli Nagar Belkund Taluka- Ausa Dist-Latur 413520 , Maharashtra

Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Keshav Netke Sir Additional District Magistrate, Latur and Chairperson of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Manish Holkar, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar and Member of the Environment Public Haring Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representative of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairperson. Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings.

Convener further informed that as per EIA Notification, 2006 the Category of proposed project falls under Category A-Schedule –distillery -5 (g) and Distillery Project is more than 105 KLPD it requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Gove of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

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.

Project Proponent had submitted online prescribed application along with pre-feasibility report on 23/07/2025 to the ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for obtaining TOR (Terms of Reference) and it has been considered and given online approval on 25/07/2025 As per the directives of TOR, Environment Consultant of Project Proponent has carried baseline surveys of 10 KM periphery of the project site and prepared a draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report and submitted to the Government.

Convener informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application on 29/10/2025 from Project Proponent M/s Shri Sant Shiromani Maruti Maharaj Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited At Post- Mauli Nagar Belkund Taluka- Ausa Dist-Latur 413520 , Maharashtra to conduct Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed Establishment of 105 KLPD Molasses Based/Sugarcane Juice / Syrup Based Distillery at Gut Nos.363,375 At Post- Mauli Nagar Belkund Taluka- Ausa Dist-Latur 413520 , Maharashtra State

Joint Director (WPC) , Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai vide letter dated 04/11/2025 directed Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Latur to implement the process of conducting Environment Public Hearing.

After sanction from District Collector, Latur to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing on Wednesday, the 24 December, 2025 at 11.30 a.m. and as per the Notification dated 14/09/2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Gove. Of India, (Mo EF & CC, Gol), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01/12/2019 , Member Secretary , Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No F-148 of 2024 Under letter no.BO/JD (WPC) /PH/B-240826- FTS- 0346 dated 26/08/2024 as under:-

- 1) District Magistrate - Latur **Chairman**
Or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District Magistrate

- 2) Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
- Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar **Member**
Regional Officer
Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, **-Latur Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Latur

As per said Notification , 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur in the Local Newspaper in Daily Lokmat, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Edition for Marathi and in National Newspaper Times of India for English Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar , on 21th November, 2025 The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

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

- 1) Ministry of Environment , Forest & Climate Change , Zonal Office, Western- Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing , Civil Line, Nagpur- 440001;
- 2) Hon'ble District Collector, District Collector Office Taluka & District – Latur;
- 3) Chief Executive Officer , Zilla Parishad, Taluka & District – Latur
- 4) General Manager, District Industries Center, Taluka & District Latur
- 5) Tahasildar, Tahasil Office, Ausa Taluka – Ausa Dist- Latur;
- 6) Sarpanch/Gramsevak , Grampanchayat Office- Chincholi, Shivali, Varvada, Elorivadi, Korangla, Samdarga, Sindalawadi, Elori, Ringni,

Birvali, Taka, Borphal, Masurdi, Gulkheda, Belkund, Chincholi Son, Tungi (Bk) , Tungi (kh), Dapegaon, Masalga, Malumbra, Hipparga, Tavsi Tad, Chincholi Kagle, Ekambi Lamantanda, Aashiv, Wangi, Kavali, Matola, Malkondji, Taluka-Ausa Dist-Latur.

- 7) Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building , 15th Floor, Mantralaya , Madam Cama Road , Mumbai – 400032 ;
- 8) Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 1st ,2nd ,3rd ,4th Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp.Cine Planet Cinema , Near Sion Circle, Sion (East) , Mumbai – 400 022 ;
- 9) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No.A-4/1, Prayavaran Bhavan , MIDC Chikalthana , Behind Dainik Lokpatra, Adjacent to Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital , Jalna Road, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar – 431210;
- 10) Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No.P-10 , Latur District Udyog Building , MIDC Latur – 413531;
- 11) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai;

Convener informed that No suggestions / objections have been received till date by Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur regarding the proposed project

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.

Convener asserted that this Committee is only for recording public opinion, views, suggestion, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only and the Committee has no right to approve, reject or recommend the project. The suggestions/objections raised by the participants in the public hearing will be noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting. Similarly, the revised Environmental Assessment Report of the Project Proponent, written suggestions/objections and minutes of the meeting after approval of Chairman will be submitted through MPCB Head Office to the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi after taking note of the video

recording of the said meeting, suggestions and objections recorded in the meeting. An Expert Committee there takes further decision regarding the same.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson, Project Environmental requested Consultant made a presentation about the proposed project and the Environmental Management Plan. Environment Consultant informed that Project Proponent M/s Shri Sant Shiromani Maruti Maharaj Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Limited , At Post-Mauli Nagar Belkund Taluka- Ausa Dist- Latur – 413520 has submitted an application dated 29/10/2025 to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to conduct Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed Establishment of 105.00 KLPD Molasses Based/Sugarcane Juice/Syrup Based Distillery at Gut Nos.363,375 At Post-Mauli Nagar Belkund Taluka – Ausa Dist- Latur -413520 Maharashtra State.

Project Environment Consultant informed that as per EIA Notification, 2006 , the category of proposed project falls under Category A-Schedule Distillery- 5(g) and Distillery Project 105 KLPD, it requires to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Environment Consultant has given detailed information regarding Environment Management Plan (EMP) New Distillery unit will cost Rupees 57.00 Crores and for EMP the capital cost is Rupees 41.50 lakhs and recurring cost is Rupees 0.66 per annum Sugar Factory will be in operation for 140 days and Distillery unit will be in operation for 300 days.

Environment Consultant informed that this project is ZLD- Zero Liquid Discharge Project which is beneficial for the farmers There is requirement of skilled and unskilled persons in the Project 150 Persons will require at the stage of the construction. After completion of project 80 Persons will get job opportunities.

But due to expansion of the project, there will be tremendous increase in the local business activities. Green belt will be developed as per the directives of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) Priority will be given to plant local species and trees which especially minimize the pollution levels.

After completion of the presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to all participants to raise their suggestions, views, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only. While raising suggestions/objections name and residence village should be mentioned.

Chairperson, Environment Public Hearing Committee also appealed all participants to raise their suggestions / objections.

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

1) Shri Vinod Padmakar Bhosale At. Post. Matola Taluka – Ausa, District- Latur- 413520:-

Will the solid waste generated during the process of project production have any adverse effect on the nearby area?

Project Environmental Consultant replied that the waste generated in the project manufacturing process is ash from bagasse. Since it has good contents of potash, it will be made available as manure to the farmers in the area. Also, if the press mud generated in the production activities is processed, it can be used as fertilizer. As it does not contain any hazardous element, there will be no side effects in the area or in the field.

2) Shri Suryakant Madhukar Sawant At. Post. Borphal Taluka- Ausa, District- Latur- 413520:-

Whether production activities in the factory will cause noise disturbance to the nearby residents?

Project Environmental Consultant replied that the sources of noise generation in the project production activities are operation of boilers, blowers. Here most advanced noise pollution control system will be installed for the noise generating machines. All activities will be carried out in confined spaces to avoid noise pollution. Also ear plugs ear mugs will be provided to the workers working in the section where noise is generated. The noise level in the project will be as per the prescribed standards as specified.

by the Government. Therefore, the nearby villages outside the factory area will not suffer from the noise of the project.

3) Shri Vishnu Nivruti Koli, At. Post. Belkund, Taluka- AUSA, District- Latur- 413520:-

Whether the proposed project will cause water pollution?

Project Environmental Consultant informed that the said project is a ZLD- Zero Liquid Discharge project. Not a single drop of treated effluent from the project will be released outside the project. The effluent generated in the Distillery unit will be treated, recycled and reused in the production process will be reduced.

Similarly, the spent wash generated in the same unit will be concentrated by Multi Effect Evaporation and then it will be made in powder form by using Dryer. BMSW Spent wash powder is rich in Potassium, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and it is good for soil. It is easily used as fertilizer; it is organic fertilizer better option than chemical fertilizer. Also the process condensate and spent lees will be processed in the Condensate Polishing Unit (CPU) and reused in distillery plant.

Therefore, no treated effluent will be released outside the project.

4) Shri Manish Holkar, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar And Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

How much CO² Emissions will be produced in the project and what permanent plans proposed to process it?

Project Environmental Consultant replied that the production process would normally emit 50 to 55 M³ of CO². It will be scrubbed and bottled as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi. And converted as per market availability.

Member public hearing committee on environment suggested that the liquid slurry generated from the proposed CBG project production in the future should be made available to farmers.

The Project promoter said that we intend to set up bio-gas in future. The Organizer, environment public hearing committee, expressed the opinion that the suggestion given was very beautiful and beneficial to the project.

The Organizer, environment public hearing committee appealed to the attendees to submit environmental suggestions and objections to the proposed projects. There was no response from the attendees.

The Organizer, environment public hearing committee, requested the Hon'ble Chairman, The environmental public hearing committee to provide guidance.

Chairman, Public Hearing Committee on Environment said that we have gathered here for a public hearing on the environment regarding the establishment of a 105 kiloliter per day distillation project based on sugarcane juice/molasses proposed by the project promoter Mr. Shri Sant Shiromani Maruti Maharaj Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana, At-Post Mauli Nagar, Belkund Tq-Ausa, Dist-Latur. The presentation of the project was made by the project environmental consultant. In it, he has given complete information about the environment plan. The locals have raised objections and suggestions of three people regarding the proposed project. Their written explanation should be included in the proceedings. At the same time, a detailed answer should be given to the question raised by the Regional Officer. The suggestions regarding pollution should be included in the project plan. Care should be taken to ensure that water, air and soil are not polluted. All the people present for the public hearing are positive for this project to be implemented. At the same time, care should be taken to ensure that there is no pollution. The environmental consultant of the project has given satisfactory answers. All this has been noted and will be included in the minutes of the meeting and the minutes will be submitted to the Government.

The Chairman of the Environmental Public hearing Committee once again appealed to the attendees to raise any suggestions, objections or criticisms regarding the proposed project.

The Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Thanked all those present and declared the public hearing closed.

(Mr. Parmeshwar V. Naik)

Organizer

Environmental Public Hearing Committee

And

Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
Latur

(Mr. Manish Holkar)

Member

Environmental Public Hearing
Committee

And

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board
Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar

(Mr. Keshav Netke)

Hon'ble Chairman,

Environmental Public Hearing Committee

And

Additional District Magistrate , Latur.

District-Latur.