

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited, for its expansion of New 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based Distillery/Ethanol plant at Sy.No.51/4 & 51/5, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District held on 29-05-2019 in their premises.

Venue : M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited,
Sy.No.51/4 & 51/5, Kukkawada Village,
Davangere Taluk & District

Date : 29-05-2019

Presided by : Sri. G.N.Shivamurthy, IAS,
Deputy Commissioner & President Environmental
Public Hearing committee, Davangere-dist.

Officers Present : List enclosed as Annexure-1

Representatives of the : List enclosed as Annexure-2
Project

Names of the Public : List enclosed as Annexure-3
Participants

Written objections / : 04
suggestions / opinions
received

Preamble:

M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District has proposed to expansion of New 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant at Sy.No.51/4 & 51/5, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District. It is mandatory for the company to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification published on 14.09.2006 by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Govt. of India and it is mandatory to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at project site.

Accordingly, State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) - Karnataka, has issued Terms of Reference (ToR) vide letter No: SEIAA/12/IND 2016 dated 04.06.2016 for this project and directed Project proponent to request Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to conduct Environmental Public Hearing. In view of the above, the project proponents have prepared the Draft EIA report in

Kannada and English including Executive summaries and requested the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board to conduct Environmental Public Hearing at site.

Based on the request of the project proponent and in accordance with the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006, Environmental Public Hearing was scheduled at Sy.No.51/4 & 51/5 in the premises of M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District.

The Karnataka state pollution control board has published the Environmental public hearing Notice in leading newspapers of Karnataka State viz., the Times Of India (English) and Prajavani (Kannada) and also in local Janatha Vani on 28-04-2019 regarding the project, inviting responses orally/ writing/ e-mail to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, District Environmental Public Hearing committee, Davangere from the concerned persons having possible stake in the environmental aspects of the project or activity within 30 days from the date of publication of the notification.

Further, the draft EIA report and Executive Summary of the project both in Kannada and English were kept in the designated places such as Deputy Commissioners Office, Davangere, Joint Director- District Industry Centre, Davangere, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayath, Davangere, Taluk Panchayath Davangere, Grama panchayat Office Kukkuwada Village, KSPCB, Regional Office, Davangere, MoEF (South zone Regional office), Bengaluru and Help Desk, KSPCB, Bengaluru for public reference.

The NGOs /environmentalist have submitted their opinion at the time of Public Hearing. The copies are enclosed **Annexure-4**.

Proceedings:

The Environmental Public Hearing was conducted on 29-05-2019 at Premises of M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District at 11-30 A.M. Shri.K.B. Kotresh, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Davangere welcomed Sri. G.N. Shivamurthy, IAS District Commissioner, Davangere and general public attended during the meeting. Shri.K.B. Kotresh briefly explained the gathering about the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and the requirement of Environmental Public Hearing for the project. Further, he requested the Deputy Commissioner to conduct the hearing.

The Chairperson directed the concerned project authorities to give presentation on proposed project.

On behalf of the proposed company representative of the M/s MITCON Consultancy & Engineering Services Ltd., Bangalore has made power point presentation, on the technical aspects of the project and explained about the anticipated impacts arising from the project and their mitigation on various environmental aspects. The above industry has proposed to expansion of New 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant within the existing industry premises. The proposed project will be established in the open area already available in the existing industry and therefore procurement of additional land is not required.

After presentation, the Chairman informed the general public to express their views, opinions and objections, if any about the said proposed project.

The public/environmentalist/various organizations have expressed their suggestions/opinion about the project and the same are summarised as below:

1. Shri. K.T. Hanumegowda, Secreatry, Kabbu Belegarara Sangha, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District:

He opinioned that, the expansion of Molasses based distillery/ethanol of capacity of 65 KLPD plant will be beneficial to formers. However presently we are facing sound pollution ,odour nucence from industry, it should be controlled.He requested to take measures not to discharge sugar effluent outside the premises without treatment and also to provide employment to the local people.

2. Shri. Shankar, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:

He opinioned that, the industry has provide check dam to Shagle halla and also make afforestation towards sides of Shagle hall.Industry shall do soil test for the surrounding agricultural area and provide 4 Lakh plants in the industrial premises i.e. local speices like Bevu, Honge and also control mosiqutes by plantings of Mahagani plants. The industry authorities has to take measures to make village as smart village. And also he requested to plant rain trees. He agreed to put up the expansion of new plant.

3. Shri. K. Basappa, Holenahalli, Davangere Taluk & Dist:

He opinioned that, from this industry lot of smell nuisance is observed. The industry has to take necessary steps to control of smell from effluent discharge. There is no objection for expansion of 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant.

4. Shri. T. Gurudatta, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District.

He expressed that, the industry has take steps to provide plantation all around the existing industry. There is no objections for expansion of 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant.

5. Shri. Siddappa, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District.

He expressed that, they have requested to industry has to control of dust from existing boilers. There is no objections for expansion of 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant.

6. Shri. Jagadeesh, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District.

He expressed that, they have no objection for proposed expansion of 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant. But the industry has to take necessary control measures to control of dust from the existing coal based boiler. They have to provide effluent treatment plant and not to discharge effluent out side the premises. It may pollute borewells located in the surrounding area. They have requested to control smell nuisance and also provide employment to local peoples.

7. Shri. D.Mallesappa, Ex. President, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:

He opined that, the industry has not to discharge treated effluent out side the premises. To take measures to control of dust from the existing industry. since the dust generated from the industry is entering in the total kukkawada village residential houses. The emitted dust from the industry inside the house. Hence, industry has to take measures to control dust. And also he requested to provide employment to the local peoples.

8. Shri. Anjenaya Nagenahalli, Samgra Parivarthana Samudaya, Haveri:

He opined that, they have no objection for proposed expansion of 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant. They have requested to give employment to the local peoples. And also control pollution from the exiting industry. He requested the company authorities to distribute the saplings to the local publics and formers like Bevu, Honge etc.

9. Shri. Lingesh, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:

He opined that, they have no objection for proposed expansion of 65 KLPD Molasses/Sugarcane Juice based distillery/Ethanol plant. But the industry has to take measures to control of pollution.

10. Sri. Umamathi, Special Officer (Finance) of M/s. Davangere Sugars Company Limited., has expressed the following on behalf of the company;

1. Siltation in check bund in Shagale Halla will be cleaned shortly for the benefit of public.
2. Trade effluent will be treated as per the standards stipulated by the Pollution Control Board and treated effluent will be utilized for gardening and for irrigation of crop land.
3. Air pollution control devices will be provided to mitigate the pollution.
4. Local people will be employed for the proposed project.
5. Programmes will be planned for social benefit in the surrounding villages under CSR scheme.

Conclusion:


Shri. K.B. Kotresh, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Davangere has give the following opined that,

1. The industry has to develop their own plantations nursery in the existing premises.
2. The industry should not to discharge treated effluent out side the premises.
3. The industry shall utilized treated trade effluent to their own industrial premises.
4. The industry should monitor regularly to check the emission level.
5. The industry shall ensure the emission should be with in the KSPCB limits.
6. The industry should keep good housekeeping surrounding industry premises.

Sri. G.N. Shivamurthy, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing committee, Davanagere concluded the hearing with the following remarks;

1. The industry authorities shall provide nursery plantation & distribute Bevu, Honge & Mahagani plants to local formers.
2. The industry shall provide advanced equipments to control water & Air pollution.
3. The industry should not to discharge any kind effluents outside the premises and should not discharge to shygale halla.
4. The industry should use treated effluent in their premises
5. Industry should give importance to develop the roads.
6. Industrial authorities shall give employments to local peoples.

Further, the proceeding along with public representations, video, audio and the photographs will be sent through Karnataka state Pollution Control Board to Central forest environment and climate change department Govt of India New Delhi for further action.Finally concluded the public Hearing with vote of thanks


G.N. Shivamurthy, IAS
Deputy Commissioner &
Chairman-District Environmental
Public Hearing committee,
Davangere

