

Proceedings of the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited, for its expansion programme of increasing cane crushing capacity from 4800 TCD to 7500 TCD and Co-gen power plant from 24.0 MW to 54 MW at Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District held on 10-05-2017 in their premises.

Venue : M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited,  
Sy.No.38/2, 40/1 to 6, 50/2, 51/1 to 5, 44,  
52/1&2, 71/P, Kukkawada Village,  
Davangere Taluk & District

Date : 10-05-2017

Presided by : Sri. D.S. Ramesh, IAS,  
Deputy Commissioner & President  
Environmental Public Hearing committee,  
Davangere-dist.

Officers Present : List enclosed as Annexure-1

Representatives of the Project : List enclosed as Annexure-2

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

Written objections / suggestions / opinions received : 02

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**Preamble:**

M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District has proposed to expand its cane crushing capacity from 4800 TCD to 7500 TCD and to increase co-gen power generation from 24.0 MW to 54.0 MW at Sy.No.38/2, 40/1 to 6, 50/2, 51/1 to 5, 44, 52/1&2, 71/P (Total 153 Acres 20 guntas) 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.38/2, 40/1 to 6, 50/2, 51/1 to 5, 44, 52/1&2, 71/P, 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 Deccan Herald (English) and Vijaya Karnataka (Kannada) and also in local Janatha Vani on 10-04-2017 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, City Corporation, 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 following NGOs /environmentalist have submitted their opinion on the project to the Regional Office, KSPCB, Davanagere.

- 1. Sri. H. Madhubabu, President, Rural Environment Education and Health Awareness Society (REEHAS):**

He has submitted a letter and opined that the said project is beneficial to general public and farmers and also gives employments to the surrounding villagers. Therefore, he welcomed this expansion project and suggested the following;

- a) Study made on the different sectors of the environment to check the present status are well within the CPCB standards and he requested proponent to take further steps to check the health status of the peoples resided nearby the existing industry.
- b) Authority shall obtain details about crop yield.
- c) Shall provide rain water harvesting system, plantation in surrounding villages and road side, health camp to villagers and to employees, drinking water facility, education and development of roads etc.,.

Copy of the letter submitted by the environmentalist is attached as **Annexure-4**

2. **Smt. Votakuri Sunand Reddy, Environmentalist, President, Dharitri Pryavaran Parirakhan Samstha, Nelagonda-District, Telangana- State:**

She has submitted a letter to Regional Office, KSPCB, Davangere and welcomed the proposed project at the outset. In this letter she expressed that the proposed project will be beneficial in terms of employment to the youngsters. Factory authority shall make an arrangement for rain water harvesting and it will helpful to increase the ground water level and may utilize the harvested water during summer time. The plantation in the surrounding villages and development of roads will helpful in mitigation of air pollution. Development of surrounding villages through factory CSR activity will be made effectively by constituting the committee which comprises of concerned government officers. Copy of the letter submitted by the environmentalist is attached as **Annexure-5**.

**Proceedings:**

The Environmental Public Hearing was conducted on 10-05-2017 at Premises of M/s. Davangere Sugar Company Limited, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District at 11-00 A.M. Shri.K.S Manjunath, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Davangere welcomed Sri. D.S.Ramesh, IAS District Commissioner, Davangere and Shri. M.K Prabhudev, Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB, Chitradurga and general public attended during the meeting. Shri.K.S Manjunath 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 Sri. Nanda Kumar, representative of the M/s Aqua Tech Enviro Engineers, (Environmental Engineers & Consultants) 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 expand its cane crushing capacity from 4800 TCD to 7500 TCD and to increase co-gen power generation from 24.0 MW to 54.0 MW 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. Basavaraja, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & District:**

He expressed that the above expansion programme may affect the general public and coconut farming in the nearby area.

**2. Shri. Hanumanagowda, Secreatry, Kabbu Belegarara Sangha, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He opinioned that, the expansion of sugar cane crushing capacity from 4800 TCD to 7500 TCD will be beneficial to farmers. The expansion of Co-generation power plant from 24.0 MW to 54.0 MW may lead to noise pollution in the area and requested to take control measures to mitigate noise pollution. The effluent should be treated before discharging to outside.

**3. Shri. Shankar, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He thanked the authority of M/s. Davangere Sugars Company limited, on behalf of farmer for taking expansion programme of sugar cane crushing capacity from 4800 TCD to 7500 TCD. He requested to take measures to make village as smart village like smart city concept for the development of the villages. There is scarcity power and water due to lack of rain and he

added this type of project will do better alternative for the said problem. Check dam was constructed in the Shyagale Halla during the construction of the said industry. In the check dam birds are nested and living in this area very comfortably. He added and requested to take action to plant the trees in the bank of the Shyagale River which may help for raining during season.

**4. Shri. Maheshwarappa, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He welcomed the project and requested to provide electricity to the Kukkuwada villages at low price and to clean the silt deposited in the check bund near Kukkuwada bridge.

**5. Shri. Bhoja Naik Kandikere Tanda**

He expressed that, the expansion of sugar cane crushing capacity will be beneficial to farmers and waiting time for unloading the vehicle may be come down from 2 to 3 days to 2 to 3 hour. No sugar mills in the state has made payment intime to the farmers but, M/s. Davangere Sugars Company limited has done full payment to the sugar cane growers. He requested to discharge the effluent to the Shyagale Halla after due treatment and to clean the silt in the check-dam for the benefits of the farmers.

**6. Shri. Mallikarjuna, Ex. President, Grama Panchayath, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He opined that, there is a chance of increase in the temperature locally due to expansion of sugar cane crushing capacity from 4800 TCD to 7500 TCD and also Co-generation power plant from 24.0 MW to 54.0 MW and he requested to take measures to curb the same effectively. He also requested for water facility to the farmers for irrigation to their crop and to provide employment to the local people. There is a generation of dust pollution during December to April and he requested factory authority to take action for its control.

**7. Shri. Rajanna, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He opined that, there is a possibility of increase in the frequency of vehicular movement locally due to expansion programme. The existing roads are very congested and increased vehicular movement will be problematic in future hence, requested for widening of the road.

**8. Shri. Lingaraju, President, Grama Panchayath, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He opined that, the expansion programme is advantageous to the society.

**9. Sri.Hanumanthappa, Mathi Village, Davangere Taluk & District:**

He expressed that, the expansion programme is helpful for better financial status of the farmers who depend on the factory. The factory has made farmers payment completely and there is no balance. There is no water in the tank or river in surrounding hence, requested for water supply and it will be helpful to the farmers to crop sugar cane. He added, there shall not be any type environmental degradation from the waste water generated from the proposed project. He requested project authority to take action for supply of power and water to the villagers.

**10. Sri. Malleshappa, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He appreciated the proposed project and opined that Kukkuwada village has highest sugar cane growers in the district however, in last season sugar cane area was decreased to an larger extent due to scarcity of water and requested to clean the silt deposited in the check bund.

**11. Sri. Shivanna, Kukkawada Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He welcomed the proposed project and stated that, project will helpful to the nearby farmers and further, requested for lifting of silt in the dam.

**12. Sri. Suresha, Nagasanahalli Village, Davangere Taluk & Dist:**

He expressed his gratitude for the expansion and he added that, the expansion programme will be beneficial to public.

Sri. Umapathi, 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:**

Sri. D. S. Ramesh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner & Chairman of Environmental Public Hearing committee, Davanagere concluded the hearing with the following remarks;

1. The company shall take action to mitigate the noise pollution from the proposed co-gen power plant.
2. To take action to control pollution by using advanced technology.
3. To make proper arrangement for utilization of treated effluent within the premises or to irrigate farmers land.
4. Take action for development of roads.
5. To make provision for employments to the local peoples and farmers who lost their land during establishment.

He informed the public that the opinion/suggestions expressed by the public will be sent to Government for further action. The proceedings of Environmental Public Hearing along with Video and photographs will be submitted to the concerned authority for further action.



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