

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF SUGAR CANE CRUSHING CAPACITY FROM 5000TCD TO 12000TCD AND CO-GENERATION FROM 28MW TO 78MW IN THE EXISTING PREMISES AT UTTUR VILLAGE, MUDHOL TALUK, BAGALKOT DISTRICT OF M/S INDIAN CANE POWER LIMITED.

DATE : 25.06.2014
TIME : 11.00 AM
VENUE: : AT PROJECT SITE

M/s Indian Cane Power Limited having its Registered Office at # 627, Shri Kalleshwara Rice Mill Compound, RMC Road, Anekonda, Davangere – 577001, Karnataka State has proposed to undertake following projects.

- 1) Expansion of Sugarcane Crushing Capacity from 5,000 TCD to 12,000 TCD
- 2) Expansion of Co-generation Capacity from 28 MW to 78 MW

Details of the Project Location : In the Existing Sugar Plant Premises.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Public Hearing Panel Members Present		
1	Mr. Rudragouda, P.C.S., Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District. (Nominated by the Deputy Commissioner).	Chairman
2	Mr. C. M. Satish, Sr. Environmental Officer, Zonal Office KSPCB, Dharwad	Member
3	Mr. M. A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Bagalkot	Member

Representatives of M/s Indian Cane Power Limited, Uttur		
1	Mr. G. A. Prakash	DGM (C & S)
2	Mr. S. G. Shivanand	Project Co-coordinator
3	Mr. B. M. Metgudd	DGM (Cane)
4	Mr. S. R. Kundargi	DGM (Engg.)
5	Mr. G. N. Joshi	AGM (P & A)
6	Mr. Mahesh H. R.	AGM (Process)
7	Mr. H. S. Patil	Sr. Manager (C & I)
8	Mr. R. M. Yadahalli	Sr. Manager (Co-gen)
9	Mr. K. Sudheendra	Manager (Engg.)

10	Mr. Shivayogi H. G.	Manager (Electrical)
11	Mr. Mallikarjunagouda	Dy. Manager (Engg.)
12	Mr. Suresh R. Sarawad	PS to CEO

As per the Notification issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India on 14.09.2006 (Amendment Notification on 01.12.2009), it is a prerequisite to get Environmental Clearance from the MoEF and it is mandatory that an Environmental Public Hearing at the Project Site is held under the Chairmanship of an Officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India Letter dated : 04.06.2013 and the request of the Project proponent for the Environmental Public Hearing vide letter dated : 31.04.2014, the Public Hearing was conducted by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board on 25.06.2014 at the Project Site, Chaired by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot.

As per the EIA Notification, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board gave the Notification 30 days in advance. The advertisement to this effect was published in the Kannada Daily Newspaper "Vijaya Karnataka", English Daily Newspaper "Deccan Herald" both dated : 25.05.2014 and in local daily Kannada Newspaper "Janamukhi" on 27.05.2014.

The suggestions, views, comments and objections of the interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and other located at the Project site and are likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited and people likely to be affected by the expansion were given opportunity to send their suggestions, objections, grievances, etc., either orally or written or through E-mail to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board / Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, within 30 days from the date of Publication of this Notification.

The copy of the Draft EIA Report and Executive Summary of the EIA Report both in Kannada and English have been placed at the following places for the references of the general public.

- 1) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot.
- 2) Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zillah Panchayat, Bagalkot.
- 3) District Industries Centre, Bagalkot.
- 4) The Chief Officer, TMC, Mudhol, Bagalkot District.
- 5) Gram Panchayat Office, Uttur Village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District.
- 6) Senior Environmental Officer, Zonal Office, KSPCB, Dharwad.
- 7) Environmental Officer, Regional Office, KSPCB, Bagalkot.
- 8) Ministry of Environmental & Forests, South Zone Office, No. E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E & F Wings Main Road, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangal, Bangalore.

9) Help Desk, KSPCB, Ground Floor, No. 49, Parisara Bhawan, Church Street, Bangalore.

The Addl. Deputy Commissioner and Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, Bagalkot verified the Notifications issued in the newspapers and ascertained whether sufficient publicity had been made as required under the statute.

The Deputy Commissioner's Office, Bagalkot and Regional Office, KSPCB, Bagalkot have not received any objections till 24.05.2014.

On 25.06.2014, the day fixed for public hearing, Mr. M. A. Maniyar, Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot extended a warm welcome to the Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, and all the public, all the officials of different departments, and members & staff of the company who were present.

He briefly explained the need for Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India and the Environmental Public Hearing as per the EIA Notification and informed that, accordingly publicity was given in the newspaper 30 days in advance and explained the procedure of the Public Hearing and the documents kept for the Public Hearing. He requested the Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing to preside over the Public Hearing and requested the Public to interact and to give their views/opinion about the Project and to present all their submissions either in writing or orally. The proceedings were video graphed.

As Mr. K. Girisam of M/s Bhagavathi Ana Labs Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad the consultant was unable to speak in local language Kannada, Mr. K. Sudheendra company representative presented the Power Point Presentation on the objectives of the Proposed Project, the Environmental Base Line Data, Present Scenario of Existing Environment in the Project Area, the Impact of the Project on the Environment, Environment Management Plan, Measures proposed to Control / Mitigate the Environmental Pollution and its protection. The hard copy of the presentation made in the Public Hearing is enclosed as Annexure - 1.

Local leaders, villagers from surrounding villages, Press, Environmental Groups and other interested parties, attended the Public Hearing. List of participants, who attended the Public Hearing, is enclosed as Annexure - 2.

The Addl. Deputy Commissioner requested all the participants to submit their views and comments in writing or orally, if any to the Chair.

In the Public Hearing 5 persons expressed their viewer and are as below,

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1) Mr. Kalmesh Lakshmappa Aralimatti, Metagudd Village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot

- He welcomed the proposed expansion project of ICPL.
- He requested to set up Soil Testing Lab to improve the soil fertility, which in turn will help to get higher yield and productivity in the limited land area.
- He informed that, the poor children and farmer's children residing in the surrounding 14 to 15 villages are deprived of good educational facilities and demanded for establishing educational institution which should be well equipped with highly qualified staff and facilities.
- He expressed his appreciation for allocating the Rs 50/- lakhs to improve the Education.
- He requested to supply additional the power generated to the surrounding villages.

The Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot clarified that, as per the prevailing Govt policy power generated by the industry will be fed to Grid only and it cannot be directly supplied to surrounding farmers.

2. Mr. Arvind Ranganagouda Patil, Uttur Village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District.

- He informed that, coal fly ash from the unit will affect the surrounding agricultural fields. Due to deposition of the coal fly ash on the crops the growth of the plant is severely affected and it decreases the yield and productivity.
- He informed that, study has been carried out regarding the detrimental effects of the coal fly ash from the Raichur Thermal Plant on the surrounding agricultural fields.
- Seepage the untreated trade waste from the Effluent Treatment plant used for irrigation has affected his adjacent agricultural field.
- He informed that, he has submitted written complaint regarding the coal fly ash and trade effluent from the unit affecting his field for the last 2 to 3 years to Board, but till date no action was taken by the Board.

Sri M. A. Maniyar, Regional Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkot replied to the queries raised by him as below,

- Till date no written complaints were lodged against the unit regarding the coal fly ash and trade effluent affecting his field.

- On the receipt of the oral complaint, the complainant's agricultural field was visited with him. . During the inspection no stagnation due to seepage of trade waste in the field was observed. The field was dry.
- Bagass is used as fuel for Co-generation plant. Board has directed the industry to mix the fly ash generated from the co-generation plant and press mud of the sugar unit proportionately to convert as manure.
- During the onset of the next season the trade effluent used for irrigation will be collected and analysed. In case of any deviation from the stipulated standards, Board will initiate action as per the provisions of the Water Act.
- Also informed that, Board will again inspect during factory operation to ascertain the status of said complaint and if necessary action will be initiated.

3) Mr. Pandappa Hanamappa Chouraddi / Golabhavi, Ranjanagi Village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District.

- He expressed his appreciation about the proposed expansion project and insisted the factory authorities to speed up project activity, so that, farmers of this area will get the benefits soon.
- He expressed his apprehension about the fly ash problem. He stressed for adopting appropriate methods for collection, handling and disposal of the fly ash. Though it poses little bit problem, but due to proposed expansion project, the farmer's of this area will get maximum benefits after this project.
- He requested the project proponents to adopt the most sophisticated methods and best available technologies to avert fly ash problem in the surrounding area.
- He requested factory authorities to take up expansion of sugar cane crushing capacity to 20,000 TCD in near future for the overall benefit of the area.
- He placed the demand to supply the power to farmers during summer

4) Mr. Dundappa Siddappa Lingareddy, Member of Zillah Panchayat, Gulagal-Jambagi Village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District.

- He demanded that, Raith Bhawan should be constructed in the premises of the factory for farmers' usage during their visit to factory.
- It is happy to know that the factory authorities have allotted Rs. 50/- Lakhs for Socio-Economical Development, he requested for more allocation of the funds for Drinking Water facility.



- On behalf of the entire farmers gathered, he expressed that they have given their consent for the proposed expansion project taken up by Indian Cane Power Limited, Uttur.
- After inception of ICPL, within a short period it has contributed to 50% of progress for this area.
- M/s Nandi SSKN Ltd. has provided Drinking Water facility to nearby villages and CBSE School facility as a part of Socio-Economic Development. In the same way we expect ICPL should take up such type of Socio-Economical and Educational Developments in this area for further development of locality.
- He stressed in the meeting that, the Management of ICPL should implement the above cited activities positively.

5) **Mr. Shivanagouda Ningappa Nadagoudar, Metagudd Village, Mudhol Taluk, Bagalkot District.**

- He informed that, ground water of nearby bore well is affected due to trade effluent of the industry which is used for irrigation.
- He requested to conduct the ground water monitoring of the bore wells.

6. **Mr. S. G. Shivanand – Project Co-coordinator, Indian Cane Power Limited,**

Has given explanation on behalf of the Management for the above said views/ opinions of the public.

1) **Reply to Mr. Kalmesh Lakshmappa Aralimatti,**

- * Regarding CBSE School in this area, it will be discussed with Management Committee and positive step will be taken.
- * Regarding establishment of Soil Test facility at factory premises, Management as well as Cane Department are very eager to develop the same and will take necessary initiation in this regard in consultation with Management.
- * Regarding supply of Electricity to farmers, as explained by Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot they are authorized to supply electricity to grid only. and factory cannot directly supply to farmers.

2) **Reply to Mr. Arvind Ranganagouda Patil,**

- * As factory is saving good amount of bagasse during seasonal operation, the saved bagasse is only being used for power generation over the years. Regarding

complaint on coal fly ash, it is not true. Factory has not purchased coal in recent years and if required they are ready to submit Company accounts as a proof. Also this year Karnataka State Government has purchased electricity from factory @ Rs. 5.50/- only for a period of one month. Rest of the period the factory has supplied electricity to IEX at an average price of Rs. 2/- to 3/-. In this scenario, it is not at all viable for the industry to operate with coal by incurring huge loss.

- * Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has accorded consent to bagasse based Co-generation power plants to use 15% of Coal along-with biomass for power generation. Now a day, coal prices are too high, if power tariff is Rs. 6.50 and above then, only using coal for power generation is viable.
- * Factory has installed chimney height of 90 meter to boiler, which is more than the norms prescribed by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. By this, fly ash problem will not arise.

3) Reply to Mr. Pandappa Hanamappa Chouraddi / Golabhavi,

- * Looking in to the pros and cons of expansion capacity during next crushing seasons necessary steps will be taken to fulfill people wishes. Also we thank for the faith people have in ICPL.
- * Regarding supply of Electricity to farmers, as explained by Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot the company is supplying electricity to grid only. Factory cannot supply directly to farmers the company is

4) Reply to Mr. Dundappa Siddappa Lingareddy,

- * Regarding Raith Bhawan and CBSE School, it will be taken up with the Management and necessary action will be taken on priority.
- * Regarding Drinking Water facility, it will be discussed with Management and necessary action will be taken on priority.

5) Reply to Mr. Shivanagouda Ningappa Nadagoudar,

- Regarding deterioration of ground water quality, the issue raised was in general, but not particular. Hence, ICPL will examine and taken suitable steps.
- Suggestions, Views, Directions, Complaints and Notes given in writing during the Public Hearing Meeting will be thoroughly examined and necessary action will be initiated in consultation with Management.

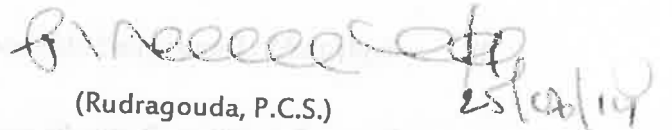


Mr. P.T.Rudragouda, Addl. Deputy Commissioner and Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, Bagalkot informed that, the above mentioned Suggestions, Views, Directions, Complaints, Notes & Requests have been recorded and the same will be submitted to Ministry of Environmental and Forests, Govt. of India for further action. The information which will be submitted in this regarding will be available with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot and If required the same shall be obtained by submitting suitable application. Thereafter, the meeting was concluded.

At the end, Mr. M. A. Maniyar, Regional Officer, KSPCB, Bagalkot has given vote of thanks to Addl. Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, Sr. Environmental Officer, Dharwad, Other Departmental Officials, to the public and to the Management and Staff of ICPL. Also extended his thanks to the people, the dignitaries, Press Reporters and Police Staff for the support extended during the course of meeting.

The following memorandums received during the meeting have been enclosed with this proceeding as Annexure from 03 to 05

1. Memorandum received from Sri Kashinath B Halemani of Jambgi, Tq Mudhol, Dt- Bgalkot Enclosed as Annexure-03.
2. Memorandum received from Sri Srishial C Gangi, Tq Mudhol, Dt- Bagalkot - Enclosed as Annexure-04.
3. Memorandum received from Sri Budansab M Nadaf of Rugi Village, Tq Mudhol Dt Bgalkot - Enclosed as Annexure-05.



(Rudragouda, P.C.S.)
Add Deputy Commissioner & Chairman,
Environmental Public Hearing Committee,
Bagalkot District, Karnataka State.