

ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING - PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Environment Public Hearing held on 24-03-2015 at 11.00 am under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi in the premises of M/s.Satish Sugars Ltd., of Bheeranagaddi and Hunshyal .P.G. Village of Gokak Taluk, Belgaum District of Karnataka State for the Expansion Project of their existing Industry for increase in the capacity of 1)Sugar plant from 10,000 TCD to 15,000 TCD, 2)Distillery plant from 60 KLPD to 120 KLPD, 3)Co-gen power plant from 45 MW to 80 MW and 4)New 04 MW Power generation plant from evaporation of distillery plant waste water.

Officers Present

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| Shri.N.Jayaram, | - | Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi & Chairman Environment Public Hearing |
| Shri.C.M.Satish, | - | Regional Senior Environmental Officer, KSPCB Dharwad (Member Convenor) |
| Shri.K.P.Parameshwarappa, | - | Joint Director, Commerce & Industries Belagavi |
| Smt.Rajashri.J.Kulli, | - | Regional Officer, KSPCB, Belagavi-2 (Chikkodi Center) |

Preamble :

As per the Environment Impact Assessment, Notification dated.14-09-2006 and its amendment dated.01-12-2009 for the Proposed Expansion Project in their existing industry for the increase in capacity of 1)Sugar plant from 10,000 TCD to 15,000 TCD, 2)Distillery plant from 60 KLPD to 120 KLPD, 3)Co-gen power plant from 45 MW to 80 MW and 4)New 04 MW Power generation plant from evaporation of distillery plant waste water a Environmental Clearance Certificate has to be obtained from the Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India and has to conduct Environmental Public Hearing also. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board is conducting the Environmental Public Hearing as per the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India letter dated.07-06-2013 and 30-04-2013 and also as per the request made by the existing industry authorities under their letter dated.22-12-2014.

The Environment Public Hearing was scheduled on 24-03-2015 and paper notification was also given.

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According to the above, the proposed expansion project brief report in Kannada and English languages, consent for establishment applications both under Water and Air Acts and Environment Impact Assessment report were submitted by the existing industry authorities to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. The existing industry authorities have requested to conduct the Environment Public Hearing as per the Environment Impact Assessment - Notification of Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India.

Regarding the Environment Public Hearing of proposed expansion project to be held on 24-03-2015, paper notifications were given in the state level newspaper Kannada Prabha (Kannada), The Times of India (English) on 21-02-2015 and in the local daily newspaper Karnataka Times (Kannada) on 08-03-2015 to give the information to the public [**Annexure - 1 (a, b & c)**]. It was informed in the paper notification that - suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafied residents, environment groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project were invited and also can make oral/written/e-mail/suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi). Here it was also informed that the interested public can participate in the said public hearing at the above place on 24-03-2015.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment, Notification dated.14-09-2006 and its amendment dated.01-12-2009, it is mandatory to obtain Environment Clearance Certificate from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India. Environment Public Hearing was held in the premises of the existing industry on 24-03-2015 at 11-00 A.M. under the Chairmanship of Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi)

The officials of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board informed the public that, as per rules they should write name and sign in the register maintained by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board as per the procedure which was kept at the entrance of the stage. All people signed in the register. About 125 people participated in this public hearing. (**Annexure - 2.**)

Welcome Speech by Smt.Rajashri.J.Kulli, Regional Officer, KSPCB Belagavi-2 (Chikkodi Center)

Smt.Rajashri.J.Kulli, Regional Officer, KSPCB, Belagavi-2 (Chikkodi Center), addressed the gathering giving all the details of the said Environment Public Hearing and welcomed them. Also heartily welcomed the Chairman of the said Public Hearing Shri.N.Jayaram. Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi and the Member Convener of this public hearing Shri.C.M.Satish, Regional Senior Environmental Officer, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Dharwad on behalf of Government of Karnataka and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board. Further welcomed the officials from all the departments, officials of the said M/s.Satish Sugars t. project, public, people of surrounding villages, environmentalists, media people and all people gathered in this place of public hearing. The details of the officials attended in Public Hearing (**Annexure-3**). Regional Officer of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board informed the public about the importance of this Environmental Public Hearing and requested the Chairman for the public hearing.

Shri.N.Jayaram, Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi & Chairman, Public Hearing Committee

Welcomed all the people gathered for public hearing and explained about the proposed expansion of M/s.Satish Sugars Ltd in the existing industry of 10,000 tones Sugar-cane crushing to 15,000 tones per day. Similarly they have also proposed for improvement of existing 45 MW Co-gen plant to 80 MW. So also the distillery plant from 60,000 liters to 120 kilolitres. These Co-gen and distillery will be doubled but sugar-cane crushing from 10,000 ones to 15,000 tones and also they have newly proposed 04 MW power generation plant from distillery waste water evaporation plant also. So like this today they have proposed industry up-gradation and submitted proposal. In this regard a public hearing is to be done whether due to expansion of Industry is there any adverse effects on public, farmers living in the vicinity so also on the environment and a report is to be submitted to the Government of India through the State Pollution Control Board. The Government of India will verify these public opinions and the Environment Ministry of Government

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of India will then decide whether the NOC should be given or not. Hence prior publicity is given in leading newspaper. Also we have displayed the board in the project site that today we will hear the public opinion. Firstly, I inform the management of M/s. Satish Sugars to explain about the Project and its pros and cons. On the basis of their presentation, I will ask the answers for the objections if any from the public. After hearing the public and also presentation of the Industry, the proposal will be sent to Government of India through State Pollution Control Board.

Detailed Report of Expansion Project of M/s. Satish Sugars Ltd., delivered by Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

Details of the officials of the proposed project of M/s.Satish Sugars Ltd. industry present during public hearing is enclosed as Annexure-4. As per the instructions of the Deputy Commissioner, the representative of M/s.Satish Sugars Ltd. Shri Murugendra. M.Kori the Environment Consultant presented the details of the activities of the said proposed expansion activity by power point presentation. **(Annexure-5.)**

Shri. Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant - I welcome all. I wish to bring the details before you about our Industry and continued the power point presentation. Replying to the question of Chairman about recycling, 25% will be recycled in the multiple effect of evaporator. Here it is concentrated and goes to boiler as a fuel. This will come in the coming power point presentation.

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1)Shri.Chandrakant Siddappa Moteppagol, Farmer, Vaderhatti village

First of all, I want to explain about the profit we the farmers will get from doing this project by Satish Sugars factory authorities. In the year 1994-95, to send the sugar-cane grown by our farmers to the factory, we were in the era of what we thought as a global war. When such units came up, It was benefit to us to send the cane. The factory have taken up the project of crushing from 10,000 to 15,000

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tones. By doing the expansion of 15,000 tones also it is less, since we grow more sugar-cane. They have made arrangement to take the sugar-cane in proper time. For this reason I, request the official class to give a opportunity to the farmers so that it will be very much benefitted.

Secondly, regarding the interior roads in the agriculture fields, the M/s. Satish Sugars factory management has made the interior roads. Earlier such roads were not there. The bigger roads in the agriculture fields are made by the government, nobody does interior roads. It was very difficult during the rainy season, they have made all these road. I request the Administrative Board to do metalling roads so that we will get more benefit.

Thirdly, as soon as we send the sugar-cane we are getting the bills in time. By these bills we are paying the bank loans etc. M/s. Satish Sugars have made several health programmes. If one general hospital is constructed it will be very use-full to the public. So also I will request you to provide a good school so that farmers children get benefit. On behalf of all the farmers of Vaderhatti, Talakatnal, Udagatti, we request the Deputy Commissioner to respond positively so that our children will be benefitted.

Deputy Commissioner :- Anybody others if you want to speak, you can speak.

Shri.V.Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist, Hyderabad :

With your kind permission, I will speak in English, as I do not know Kannada. Firstly, I am congratulating the Management of M/s. Satish Sugars on going of public hearing generally Environmentalist opposes the Industries. Sir I am from Hyderabad more than 15 such meetings attended at Vijayapur, Belagavi, Bellary. I visited several States viz. Orissa, Maharastra, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, As a Environmentalist, I am suggesting environmental issues. First of all, I am congratulating the Management on going for public hearing, Environment means is there any adverse effects on air, water etc. Humbly, I am requesting the Industry to include the following suggestions. Whatever you draw water from Ghataprabha river the Ghataprabha river source is limit, if the water is not flowing throughout

the year it is beneficial to construct storage tanks for collecting overflowing water. The suggestion may be included and also promote farmers. Planting of sugar cane to cutting, it will take 15 months approximately. The water used by farmer is 3 crores liters in a crop year. Please encourage the farmers to minimum utilization of water either by drip irrigation or by sprinkler so that, it will promote the farmers for growing sugarcane in only one crore litres. To take the better environment, it is also my suggestion and also regarding plantation as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment you are taking 33% is enough but my suggestion is when India get independence in 1947 our population was 35 crore, but at the time, our geographical area is 82 crore acre but now the geographical area is 82 crore but our population is increased to 125 crores more than 3 double triple it is a pressure on ecological balance. Land, rain water, source of environment is limited, but the population is increasing. My suggestion is for plantation to plant fruit bearing plants and also medicinal values plants like Neam, Kanva and other medicinal value plants at about 10km radius near the Industries which will be very useful. Please take up revenue plantation also which is important aspect. Please form a Committee with farmers, villagers, industry and also government officials by conducting regular meetings to take the opinion of the people. demand oriented, works selected is credibility to your Industry also and society. Whatever skills you need are not available so please promote skill development before joining job which is essential to the people. My humble request is to conduct health awareness camp for the farmers. I being an environmentalist, I am taking proper care. Please consider my request and also whatever the waste water comes according to your report 3800 KLD it is counting to 125 crore litres to irrigate minimum 250 acres and also to promote bio-fertilizers which is also a important aspect. Lastly, I am suggesting please make arrangement to to give freely 1 Kg or 2 Kg sugar first day of January or Deepawali so poor people will be happy about your Industry. I have given a written statement to consider my suggestions and to include in your EIA report to recommend to government to grant permission for the Industry. My best wishes to industry and also take care about public and also environment care.



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Deputy Commissioner :

Up to ten acres already scheme is there. For this we have to give some information to people. You did not tell in your presentation. What they have told, your water source, water source required for factory, you will take water from the Ghataprabha, so also you have mentioned that you have taken permission from Government. But during all your season there will be no water in the Ghataprabha. So during that time you can adopt water harvesting, rain water harvesting or you can make any storage facility, as mentioned by them. How much that is viable? In case if it is not possible, if you do not get water from Ghataprabha, what is the alternate? That, you have not mentioned. You have to mention about this. Afterwards they have mentioned about the plantation, more attention should be given about this. Means, in your area, even road side planting, planting in your campus, also even the government waste land, If you are interested, Social Forestry wing will coordinate, you can do that also. What activities Mr. Sunanda Reddy have mentioned about, you may have already adopted some of them. You may also do the remaining which are possible, seeing the CSR fund budget. They are also mentioned about Hospital, School and others that also you mention how you can do in only 27 lakhs?

Shri.Hanumanth.Appanna.Koppad., Farmer, Udagatti village :

As already mentioned by Sri. Chandru Sir, in 1994-95 to transport our sugar-cane grown to industry, it was like getting a victory after doing war. But after the construction of M/s. Satish Sugar Factory, sending of sugar-cane has become very easy. We are getting more all types of facility and benefits. Sir you can makeup your mind to give permission to 15,000 from existing the 10,000, that is our request.

Deputy Commissioner :

Who has come from Hyderabad has briefed everything about the environment, effects if expansion is done, corrective measures to be taken. Now so

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many local people have come, but nobody is speaking. Anybody can come here and tell about their problems that may arise after the expansion of the Industry.

Shri.Ballappa.Dundappa.Kallolli., farmer, Hadaginal village :

How much problems are there for farm. Sir, please come along with us and see the river as there is no water to drink and for the cattle. If bath is taken the body will start itching. Please go in person and see sir that the water is spoiled. All Industry waste water will go and will mix in the river. Yesterday we had come to Belagavi to tell about the contemplated river water. There is no problem with the M/s. Satish Sugar Factory, there are giving good rate. Now we have the problem with water, that the malli (waste) water should be stopped immediately.

Deputy Commissioner :

Any waste water will flow from Factory?

Shri.Ballappa.Dundappa.Kallolli, Farmer - Yes sir, it will go. Please see the water in the river. The river water is completely contemplated and it is not useful for people and animal drinking.

Deputy Commissioner :

That is also there. It is not possible to drink water. Now your waste water has gone and polluted all the water. Hence it is not fit for people to drink and for cattle's. Hence they are requesting to supply water through tankers. Yesterday they had come and met in my office regarding this. Now your expert mentioned that you are not living any waste water into the river. If you are not living it, than how the river water is getting polluted. The Pollution Control Board Officer should visit and see that how the river water is get polluted. If at all it is polluted, what are the reasons? Who are polluting this? Whether this factory is polluting it or others are polluting, inspect and identify the polluter and issue notice to them.

Shri. Murugendra.M.Kori.,Environment Consultant:

You said the river water is not fit for drinking. I want to mention here that the Industry's waste (malli) water) is not only the reason for it. From upper side sewage water is coming from Gokak.

Deputy Commissioner :

Is waste (malli) water is going?

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Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

Malli water is not going Sir, sewage water is coming.

Deputy Commissioner :

Any water is not going from your industry ?

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

No. There are other Industries. Upper side there are Industries like M/s.Gokak Mill, M/s. Riddi Siddi. There is a possibility of waste water coming from that side.

Deputy Commissioner :

The Pollution Control Board Officer will visit the M/s. Gokak Mills & M/s. Riddi Siddi Factory and will inspect from which Factory the waster water coming and polluting the river water. But yesterday also when they came to Office, they said you are supplying water through tankers.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

Yes sir, the water is being supplied through tankers every year. Last year also we supplied water.

Shri. Pradeep.M.Indi., Chairman and Managing Director of M/s.Satish Sugars :

We are providing water only until government makes arrangement not for the reason that it is polluted. Last year also we supplied water, one year before also we gave water. We are supplying water on humanitarian grounds.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

The suggestions given by Mr,Reddy regarding growing of Fruit trees , Medicine trees etc, I want to mention here that we will grow them. Then regarding CSR activity, when we give presentation once again at Ministry of Government of India, that time they direct us to keep exclusively at least about 10, means 1% of

the project cost for CSR activity. Suppose if we fix this expansion project as 200 crores out of which we have to keep minimum 2 crores. That time, this 2 crores we have to spend within 2-3 years and once again we have to submit the report to Environment Ministry. So I want to mention here that as per the suggestion given by them, about general hospital, school etc., we will provide the during coming years.

Deputy Commissioner :

What alternate arrangement will make for water?

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

What alternate arrangement means we can do rain water harvesting, other than that we cannot do anything, we have to close the Industry only.

Deputy Commissioner :

You are experts, you should search a way, instead of which you are saying that Industry has to be closed.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

No Sir, not like that.

Deputy Commissioner :

They have told about the alternate ways.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

That possibility we will explore. No Sir, now technology everyday is improving, till today what is there, that all I have shown. If any other possibilities are there, I will explore it.

Smt. Rajashri.Jayavant.Kulli., Regional Officer, KSPCB, Chikkodi :

Not shown about the condensate water.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

I have show about condensate water, it is appeared in the water balance, I have shown sugar condensate, then shown evaporator condensate.

Deputy Commissioner :

Rain water harvesting you can do. Mr. Reddy, who has come from Hyderabad has also told about drip irrigation. That may also be mplemented.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

Through drip irrigation we are already helping the farmers.

Deputy Commissioner :

Create awareness among the farmers about that.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

Already Industry people are creating awareness.

Deputy Commissioner :

Do plantation in the forest land.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

Please tell us sir, if government land is available than we will do it.

Deputy Commissioner :

Government land means, do it on road side, plant trees in villages. Take some protective measures.

Shri.Murugendra.M.Kori., Environment Consultant :

We will do any protective measures.

In between some ladies of Hadaginal village came and started speaking.



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Deputy Commissioner :

What ladies you all had come yesterday? We have informed the factory people. Factory people have told that no water is polluted from their factory. They have informed that from their factory no water of any kind is left to the river. Even than also I have informed the officers to look it in person.

Smt. Laxmavva.Bagati, Smt. Sumavva. Kallolli, Smt.Ratnavva.Bhimannavar & others :

Kindly visit the river sir, the river water is not at all useful for human and cattle. It has be come very difficult to get good water for drinking,

Deputy Commissioner :

Alright, Pollution Control Board officials have seen yesterday. Now They have also informed that the water is not fit for drinking as verified by physical means. But what is the reason for this is to be known. And from where the waste water is coming? The Factory people are living or any other Factories are living that has to be inspected. The source from where the waste water is coming and is to be verified and action against them will be initiated.

Smt. Laxmavva.Bagati, Smt. Sumavva. Kallolli, Smt.Ratnavva.Bhimannavar and others :

There is a problem of water. Because of no water, cattle are dying. No water is being supplied by the Factory or by the government.

Deputy Commissioner :

Tahasildar suppose anywhere the water is not fit for drinking and is dry, you will be supplying water. Suppose the water source is polluted, if it comes to the notice that the water is not fit for drinking for them you should give water through tankers. And you should trace the water polluter and initiate action against them.

Smt. Laxmavva.Bagati, Smt. Sumavva. Kallolli, Smt.Ratnavva.Bhimannavar and others : Now we require water for drinking.

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Deputy Commissioner :

We will trace the polluter of the river whoever may be and we will take action on them and stop pollution. It may take 2-3 days to initiate action. We have to stop it after investigating from where water is coming. Till then if you have drinking water problem, I have told the Tahsildar to provide drinking water through tanker.

Smt. Laxmavva.Bagati, Smt. Sumavva. Kalloli, Smt.Ratnavva.Bhimannavar and others again started speaking,

Deputy Commissioner :

Now our Pollution Control Board Officers and others officers are here. Again they will go and conduct joint inspection and initiate action after tracing from where the waster water is coming and who is the polluter?

Smt. Laxmavva.Bagati, Smt. Sumavva. Kalloli, Smt.Ratnavva.Bhimannavar and others started agitation.

Deputy Commissioner :

Now we came here for the public hearing regarding the expansion of factory capacity.

Smt. Laxmavva.Bagati, Smt. Sumavva. Kalloli, Smt.Ratnavva.Bhimannavar and others let them do sir.

Deputy Commissioner :

We came here for the public hearing regarding the problem that may arise due to expansion. Now you are saying that already there are problems from existing one. That we will investigate and if it is true we will take action.

The farmers and the ladies who have come here now have given complaints about pollution of drinking water due to the discharge of waste water from the industries. That also we will see and I want to tell on this occasion that the factory management should see that the pollution of any kind again should not happen.

Because they give complaints of different issues and that will be the part of the proceedings. You are saying that you are not polluting but there may be different source which is polluting, you are saying. But once again the officers will go and inspect. Now Tahasildar has gone and reported, it seems that the water is contaminated. So again Pollution Control Board Officer will inspect and check what is the reason for contamination. Suppose the source is of any factory you should see that it should not happen. To initiate action as per the law will become compulsion those who are polluting the water. Whoever they may be, may be this factory or different factory, trace them who are they. The Tahasildar will coordinate with PCB and joint inspection has to be done. So also Mr.Reddy who has come from Hyderabad has given good suggestions to the Management. On this occasion, I want to tell that whatever possible you include for implementation in your Project. Whatever discussions are made today and the presentation of the factory. The suggestions and complaints raised by the public who have come here after observing the presentation will be consolidate and it will be submitted to the Environment Ministry through the State Pollution Control Board and suitable decision will be taken by them.

Today all of you have gathered here for public hearing, took part and given suggestions, objections etc. On this occasion, I thank all the public gathered here, I also thank the Management of the Factory so also my office colleagues. I conclude the public hearing.


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Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi

Enclousers :

- 1)Annexure-1 Details of paper notifications
- 2)Annexure-2 Details of public attended
- 3)Anexure-3 Details of officials attended
- 4)Annexure-4 Details of representatives of factory attended
- 5)Annexure-5 Details of proposed expansion activity
- 6)Annexure - 6 (35 photos)
- 7)Annexure -7 (One video CD)
- 8)Annexure -8 (Written statements of public).