

Proceedings of the Public Hearing conducted for proposed expansion of existing molasses based distillery(Ethanol-45 to 75 KLPD) & co-generation power plant (1.0 to 5.0 MW) along with installation of 125 KLPD grain based distillery in existing distillery plant premises-M/s Sona Sati Organics Pvt Ltd, Rajapatti Kothi, Baikunthpur, Distt- Gopalganj (Bihar).

VENUE: At the site: Sona Sati Organics Pvt. Ltd, Rajapatti Kothi, Baikunthpur, Distt- Gopalganj (Bihar)

Date & Time: 06 August 2018 at: 11.00 A.M/1.30 PM.

The following officials attended the Public Hearing:

1. Sri Kishore Kumar Prasad, Additional District Magistrate, Distt:- Gopalganj (Bihar);
2. Sri Anil Kumar, RO, BSPC Board, Muzaffarpur;
3. Sri Shiv Shambhu Prasad, ASO, BSPC Board, Muzaffarpur; and
4. Sri Pankaj Kumar, Circle Officer, Baikunthpur, Distt- Gopalganj.

The following proponents/ officials/ representatives of M/s Sona sati organics Pvt. Ltd. attended the public hearing:

1. Sri Kishan Prakash Sharma, (General Manager);
2. Sri Atul Choudhari, (Production Manager);
3. Sri Pramod Pandey, Manager (HR); and
4. Sri Ashish Gupta, Manager (Commercial).

Number of persons who participated in the Public Hearing were 119 and their list is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Sri Anil Kumar, RO, BSPC Board, Muzaffarpur welcome the Additional District Magistrate, Gopalganj, representatives of project proponent, public and other participants in the public hearing and initiated with introduction about the project. He informed the importance of public hearing for Environmental Clearance of the project.

Sri Anil Kumar, RO, BSPCB, Muzaffarpur invited the Additional District Magistrate, Gopalganj to preside over the public hearing.

The Additional District Magistrate welcome all the stakeholders/participants and expressed his views related to the project and emphasized on the need for addressing environmental concern of the project. He also emphasized about drives by govt. for cleanness with environment control in village area. Then Sri Anil Kumar invited

the project proponent's representative to explain regarding the project from environment point of view as follows:

Sri Dinesh Singh Yadav, environmental consultant (from J M Environet Pvt. Ltd. Gurgaon) for the expansion plan of distillery delivered a presentation and highlighted the following components.

1. Explained about proposed expansion of existing molasses based distillery (45 to 75 KLPD) & co-generation power plant (1.0 to 5.0 MW) along with installation of 125 KLPD grain based distillery in existing distillery plant premises;
2. Described about the salient features of the project;
3. Discussed about baseline environmental conditions; and
4. Explained the likely impact on environment and its mitigation measures.

Response of the Public & their opinion:-

In the public hearing 04 persons have expressed their views/opinions as given below: -

- 1 **Sri Ravinder Kumar Singh** of Vill- Harpur Jaan, asked, what the factory will do under CSR activity?

Explanation of project representative- Sri Kishan Prakash Sharma, GM of the distillery assured that factory will do expenditure of total Rs 94 Lacs in next five years in different activities under CSR program.

- 2 **Sri Binay Singh** of Vill- Kratpura, asked - after expansion how odour will be controlled?

Explanation of project representative- Sri Kishan Prakash Sharma, GM of the unit assured that factory will concentrate spent wash (Molasses Based) & incinerates in the present boiler & proposed boiler and in case of spent wash (Grain) it will be concentrated in MEE & finally DDGS will be made through Dryer system. CO₂ evolved during fermentation process will be collected through 80 TPD CO₂ plant & sold out. In this way there will be no chance of odour coming out from factory

- 3 **Sri Bipin Kumar Singh** of Vill.-Karn Kudariyan, asked about Noise pollution.

Explanation of project representative- Sri Kishan Prakash Sharma, GM of the unit explained & assured that there is no noise producing machinery like sugar mills. In the distillery pumps are

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playing major role. Oiling, greasing & maintenance is done from time to time of all pumps. So there is no chance of increase in the noise pollution.

4 **Sri Dharmendra Kumar Singh** of Vill-Pipara, Paharpur asked- after expansion the electricity will be distributed to the local villagers?

Explanation of project representative- Sri Kishan Prakash Sharma, GM of the unit explained that after expansion the power consumption will increase up to 5 MW so the company will be unable to give electricity to the local villagers.

No any other participant except above persons, present in the public hearing, expressed/raised any expected environmental problem due to the project.

Conclusions:

The public of surrounding villages, who participated in the hearing welcome the project in their area and have not made any adverse comments from environment point of view.

The proceedings of the public hearing are recorded, photographs and video taken and the same will be submitted to the concerned authority of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India and all concerned for necessary action.

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