

**Proceedings of the public hearing conducted for proposed expansion of cane crushing capacity of existing sugar mill-M/s Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd, Harinagar, Dist-W. Champaran from 10,000 TCD to 11,500 TCD.**

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**VENUE:** In the campus of Aarya Samaj Mandir, Aarya Nagar, Near Harinagar Railway Station, At & P.O.-Harinagar, District- West Champaran (Bihar).

**Date & Time:** 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018; At: 11.30 AM/2.30 PM.

**The following officials attended the Public Hearing:**

1. Dr Nilesh Ramchandra Deore, IAS,  
Collector & District Magistrate, W. Champaran;
2. Sri Ghanshyam Meena, IAS,  
SDM, Bagha, Dist: W. Champaran;
3. Sri Anil Kumar, Regional Officer,  
Bihar State Pollution Control Board,  
Regional Office, Muzaffarpur; and
4. Sri S.N. Jaiswal, Dy Analyst,  
Bihar State Pollution Control Board, Patna,

**The following proponents/ officials/ representatives of M/s Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd. attended the public hearing:**

1. Sri S.L. Baheti, Chief General Manager,  
M/s Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd, Harinagar,  
West Chamaparan;
2. Sri S. K. Srivastava GM (Technical),  
M/s Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd, Harinagar,  
West Chamaparan;
3. Sri H.K. Yadav (GM, Distillery);  
M/s Harinagar Sugar Mills Ltd, Harinagar,  
West Chamaparan; and
4. Dr S. Prasad, M/s Shiva Test House, Patna,  
Consultant of the Project.

**Number of persons participated in the Public Hearing was 129 and their list is enclosed as Annexure-I.**

Sri S.N. Jaiswal, Dy. Analyst, BSPC Board, Patna welcome the District Magistrate, W.Champaran, 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



capacity expansion project. He also highlighted importance of Sugar Mill/expansion project in such a rural area and its benefits to the local people.

With the permission of Chairman of the public hearing-cum-DM, West Champaran, Sri Jaiswal of BSPC Board, Patna invited Sri S.L.Baheti, Chief General Manager of the sugar mill to explain about direct and indirect benefits of expansion project. He explained the concern in detail.

Sri S. Prasad, consultant of the project delivered a presentation and highlighted the following components.

1. Explained about project background and its environmental aspects;
2. Described about the project salient Features;
3. Discussed about baseline environmental conditions;
4. Explained the likely impact on environment and its mitigation measures;
5. Extent of land acquisition which is not required and social impact due to the project; and
6. Benefits to be extended to the cane grower farmers.

#### **Response of the Public & their opinion:**

In the public hearing 18 persons have expressed their views/opinions as under:

1. **Sri Vijay Kumar Pandey**, farmer and resident of local village- Sigri Bahuari;
2. **Sri Laxmi Narayan Dutt**, News Reporter and local resident of Harinagar;
3. **Sri Anil Patel**, resident of Bela Gola, Ward No-20, Harinagar;
4. **Md Salauddin**, resident of Ramnagar, Harinagar;
5. **Sri Roy Chandabhusan Sharma (@Chote Roy)**, resident of local area;
6. **Sri Gautam Prasad Rao**, resident of village-Panjaria, Ramnagar;
7. **Sri Sadakant Shukla**, Ex teacher and resident of village-Sheelwatia Bargo;
8. **Sri Shrawan Kumar Agarwal**, farmer of village-Madhubani (North);
9. **Sri Srikant Pathak** of village-Murera;
10. **Sri Surendra Prasad Yadav**, Village-Khatauri;
11. **Sri Kalam Khan**, Village-Baikunthpur;
12. **Sri Bulbul Singh**, Village-Churiharwa;
13. **Sri Chandrashekhar Panday**, Village-Bhairoganj;
14. **Sri Madhukar Roy**, Village-Bilashpur;
15. **Sri Chunnu Chaubey**, Village-Taulaha;
16. **Sri Santosh Kumar Rao**, Village-Jogapatti;
17. **Sri Bechu Yadav**, Village-Saunaha; and



**18. Sri Binod Upadhayay, Village-Churiharwa.**

All participants present in the public hearing expressed their view in support of capacity expansion of existing sugar mill and no any expected serious environmental problem have been raised due to the project. They raised their view mainly regarding price & payment of cane, dust pollution and traffic congestion due to transportation of cane to the sugar mill.

**Explanation of project representative-** Sri S.L. Baheti, Chief General Manager of the sugar mill assured that required steps will be taken as suggested by the people for mitigate the issues raised.

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

DM, W. Champaran expressed his view regarding the issue that main problems are dust pollution and traffic congestion due to the movement of bullock carts and tractors for transportation of cane from cane-field to the sugar mill. He directed the management of sugar mill to deploy one or two water tankers for water spraying on road sides. He said that farmers will get benefited after capacity expansion, over-bridge shall be constructed to prevent from traffic congestion and encroachment will be removed. He also informed to cane farmers regarding benefits of district level scheme to provide solar water pumps etc.

**Conclusions:**

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

The proceedings of the public hearing recorded, photographed and videographed and the same will be submitted to the concern Authority of MoEF and Climate Change, Govt. of India and all concern for necessary action.

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