

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING MEETING HELD ON 12.05.2017 AT 11:00 AM FOR THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF M/S. SAGAR CEMENTS LIMITED i.e., ENHANCING THE EXISTING PRODUCTION CAPACITY FROM 0.175 MTPA TO 1.5 MTPA WITHIN THE EXISTING PREMISES OF M/S. SAGAR CEMENTS LIMITED SY. NO.216, 218, 219 & 224, BAYYAVARAM (V), KASIMKOTA (M), VISAKHAPATNAM DIST., ANDHRA PRADESH.

**PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Sri Pravin Kumar, I.A.S. Chairman  
Collector & District Magistrate,  
Visakhapatnam
2. Sri R. Lakshmi Narayana Member  
Environmental Engineer  
A.P. Pollution Control Board

At the outset, the Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board, welcomed the gathering and explained the features of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Changes, Government of India, New Delhi EIA Notification dated 14/09/2006. According to EIA Notification, Environmental Public hearing is mandatory for getting Environmental Clearance from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Andhra Pradesh, Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Changes.

He stated that the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted in connection with expansion proposal of M/s. Sagar Cements Limited for enhancement in the existing production capacity from 0.175 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA with an investment of Rs.200 Cr within the existing premises of M/s. Sagar Cements Limited at Sy. No.216, 218, 219 & 224, Bayyavaram (V), Kasimkota (M), Visakhapatnam Dist.,

He further informed that Environmental public hearing is being conducted under the chairmanship of the Collector & District Magistrate and assisted by the A.P. Pollution Control Board officials.

A.P. Pollution Control Board, Regional Office, Visakhapatnam, issued a Paper Notification for conduct of Environmental Public Hearing on 12.05.2017 inviting concerns of the local affected people and the people having a plausible stake in the environmental aspects of the proposed activity. The Notification published in the newspapers of "Deccan Chronicle" & "Sakshi" on 11.04.2017.

The Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) reports and Executive Summaries in Telugu and English were displayed at the Office of the Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Visakhapatnam, Office of the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Visakhapatnam, Revenue Divisional Officer, Anakapalle, Tahasildar, Kasimkota Mandal, Gram Panchayats of Jammadulapalem Ramannapalem, Bayyavaram, Kasimkota, Venkupalem, Veduruparti, Kottapalli, Ugginipalem, and Gokivadapalem of Kasimkota Mandal as mentioned in the Public Hearing notification.

He informed that, 1 No. of favorable written representation was received during the 30 days period. He requested the Collector & District Magistrate & Chairman of Public Hearing to preside over the public hearing to conduct further proceedings.

The Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam as Chairman of the Public Hearing welcomed the representatives of Public, Press Representatives, Govt. Officials and the project proponents M/s. Sagar Cements Ltd., who have attended for the Environmental Public Hearing.

He said that, the line of activity which comes under the purview of EIA Notification, 2006 is required to obtain Environmental Clearance State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Andhra Pradesh, Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Changes. As per the procedure, Environmental Public Hearing is required to be conducted for the proposed expansion of M/s. Sagar Cements Limited for the enhancement in the existing production capacity from 0.175 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA.

He said that public hearing is being conducted as per the guidelines of EIA Notification, 2006, as a statutory body the District Administration & APPCB have to summarize the public opinion on the proposal of the industry and to submit it to the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Andhra Pradesh, Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Changes. He requested the public to express their opinions, objections if any, freely from environmental point of view so that the same would be recorded in the minutes and forwarded to Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Changes, Government of India for taking into consideration while examining the issuance of Environmental Clearance.

As per the instructions of the Chairman, the Environmental Engineer, APPCB, requested the representatives of the industry to explain the salient features of the proposed expansion.

As suggested by the Chairman of the Public Hearing, Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Senior General Manager (Works) welcomed the Collector & District Magistrate, representatives of Public, Govt. Officials and Press Representatives, who have attended for the Public Hearing explained the overview of M/s. Sagar Cements Ltd., operations and proposed expansion proposal. He informed that:

- i. The industry was established in the year 2000 in the name of M/s. Sagar Cements Limited. The industry was taken over by other management and was run during the period from November, 2004 to 2016. Now, again the industry was taken over by the parental management.
- ii. The management proposed for expansion of the existing cement grinding unit i.e., enhancing the existing production capacity from 0.175 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA with an investment of Rs.200 Cr.
- iii. The industry is installing total imported/latest machinery in the expansion proposal and adopting advance technology to mitigate the pollution in the surroundings.
- iv. At present, the industry is operating in an extent of 15.39 Acres and proposes to

utilize additional own land of 3.64 Acres for expansion. Out of total area of 19.03 Acres green belt developed in an extent of 7.0 Acres which is more than 33%. Green belt will be developed more to reduce the noise levels.

The technical consultant of the industry Sri G. Chandra Mouli informed that.

1. Environmental Impact Study was carried out within 10 Km radius of the industry to assess ambient air, water, soil and noise quality parameters. Monitoring was carried out at 8 locations on 24 hours basis during the period from January 2016 to April 2016 in the study area and the results are within the norms of CPCB.
2. Dust pollution is caused during the grinding of the Raw materials is controlled by adopting new technology and insulation of efficient Dust pollution control equipments. The Raw material like Fly Ash, Zypsum and Slag will be stored in Silos which reduces the pollution. The industry proposed to spend an amount of Rs 5 Crores on the Environment Management Plan.
3. Regarding water pollution he informed that the present water consumption is 21 KLD and after expansion the additional water requirement is 33 KLD thus the total water consumption is 54 KLD which is drawn from the Borewells. He said that no waste water generated from the process and the water is only used for cooling in the process and domestic waste water is generated which will be disposed into septic tank followed by soak pit. Water samples from various locations within 10KM radius were collected; parameters were compared with IS 10500.
4. The noise pollution would be 54 dB during the day time and 43 dB during the Night. However during the construction there will be increase in the noise in the premises.
5. Regarding soil pollution he informed that they have collected 4 soil samples from different places and observed no contamination of soil.
6. The industry uses the waste generated from the other industries i.e., Fly Ash from M/s. NTPC, Slag from M/s. RINL (Visakhapatnam Steel plant) and Gypsum

from M/s. Coromandel International Ltd., The industry generates waste oil of about 400 LPA which will be disposed to the authorized recyclers.

7. At present, the industry is operating in an extent of 15.39 Acres and proposes to utilize additional own land of 3.64 Acres for expansion. Out of total area of 19.03 Acres green belt developed in an extent of 7.0 Acres which is more than 33%. Green belt will be developed more to reduce the noise levels.
8. The industry proposes to install 36 Bag filters in the expansion proposal and Dust collectors at all transfers points to prevent dust pollution. The vehicles carrying raw material as well as product will be covered with tarpaulins to avoid dust emanation during transport.
9. All type of safety facilities will be provided to the works in order to avoid unforeseen issues.
10. Rs.1.25 Cr per year was allocated to the CSR activities for the welfare of the public for conducting medical camps, laying roads, bus shelters etc.,
11. In the expansion direct employment for 50 members and indirect employment for 150 members is considered.

Then as per the instructions of the Chairman of the Public hearing, the Environmental Engineer, APPCB, requested the public to express their opinions, suggestions and objections freely in the environment point of view about the proposed project.

**Public Views:**

1. Sri Saheb Naidu, Surpanch, Bayyavaram while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that, the industry is looking after the issues of surrounding villages by providing amenities and employment opportunities to the local people. Requested to ensure the same after expansion also with all the precautionary measures for control of pollution.
2. Sri Babar, MPTC, Bayyavaram while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that, the industry was established in the year 2000 by acquiring the land from surrounding villages. Now, proposed for expansion. The surrounding

villages are depending on the industry; hence employment opportunities to the local shall be preferred. Providing water tank, Kalyanamandam in the surrounding villages is considered. The surrounding schools are facing teaching staff problem. Hence he requested the management to allocate funds to be CSR funds for employing teachers for better future of the children in the surrounding villages.

3. **Sri Srinivasarao, Ex-Surpanch, Bayyavaram** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that, they have no problems with the existing industry and no objections for the expansion proposal. He requested that project management that since the surrounding villagers are supporting the project, local educated youth shall be preferred for employment in the proposed 50 no. of jobs as announced by the management in the expansion. Green belt shall be developed more. He informed that already the villages were provided with water tanks, hence it would be useful, if the management pursue the facility of providing individual water pipelines connections to the houses.
4. **Sri Kona Narsinga Rao, resident of Narsingapalli** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that the earlier the industry was run by M/s. Sagar Cements. It was run by other management for some time and now again M/s. Sagar Cements are running the industry. There is no problem to the surrounding villages due to the activity of the industry. He requested to lay cement roads to the villagers, boundary wall to the school and allotment of budget to the schools for providing teachers from their CSR funds. He requested to take necessary steps to restart the industries existing in the surrounding area (M/s. Tern Distillery & M/s. Vishnu Vidyut) which were closed so that employment opportunities would be increased to the surrounding villagers.
5. **Sri Balaram Murthy, resident of Venkupalem** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that there are no problems with the industry as they are getting employment and requested that priority shall be given to the local educated youth for employment and consider the development of surrounding

villages.

6. **Smt. Manga, resident Bayyavaram** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that they have no problems with the industry due to which the surrounding villages are developed. She requested to continue the same development in future also.
7. **Sri Santosh, resident of Bayyavaram** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that it is happy to say that the old management has taken over the industry. The enhancement in the existing production capacity from 0.175 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA is welcomed. The industry is providing employment opportunities to the locals, adopting latest technology, developing green belt. He requested the management to ensure the same in expansion also to protect the surrounding environment. He further requested that providing employment shall be considered for surrounding women also.
8. **Sri Karaka Raju, Ex-MPTC, Jammadulapalem** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that though Jammadulapalem village is just adjacent to the industry, it was neglected by the industry in providing employment opportunities; development activities etc., Earlier the dust was spread over the cultivable lands of Jammadulapalem, particularly during winter season. Now, the same was reduced to maximum extent. As the surrounding villagers are supporting the expansion proposal of the industry for better feature, the village Jammadulapalem shall be given equal preference in providing employment opportunities to the local educated youth and providing development activities.
9. **Sri Raju. Resident of Bayyavaram** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that earlier the industry was run with less manpower, and after expansion, the manpower would be more. The surround villagers need not to go far for employment as they would get employment after expansion. Earlier, dust collectors are less as the capacity of the plant was small, now after expansion, the dust collectors will be more and would reduce the pollution problems.

10. **Sri Karaka Sominaidu, MPTC of Jammadulapalem** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that the employment opportunities will be more to the surrounding villagers. As assured by the management, necessary preventive measures shall be taken to protect the environment. The industry shall not limit the development activities to one area and shall ensure to distribute the CSR activities for the development of surrounding activities. Since the surround villagers are mode dependent on cattle, the industry shall ensure to conduct veteriinary medical camps for the cattle, medical camps for the surrounding villagers, providing funds for schools etc. and preference to the local educated youth in providing employment.

11. **Sri Suresh resident of Tallapalem** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that he enquired about the activities being carried out by the industry in their other plants located at other places and came to know that industry is adopting good development activities in all the surrounding areas. He said that, the industry is using ground water for industry purpose, hence rainwater pits shall be provided within the industry premises as well as in the surrounding villages for collecting rainwater so that the ground water levels will be protected. He requested to provide employment to the local educated youth as the industry announced 50 no. of jobs. He further requested to provide skill development training to the youth of surrounding villages so as to enable them get jobs anywhere.

12. **Sri Naidu resident of Kothapalli Butchayyapeta** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that the management of the industry are fulfilling the requirements of surrounding villages and providing employment to local people. Requested ensure the same after expansion also.

13. **Sri Janardhan Reddy, NGO informed** while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that as per his knowledge, this is the only industry performing the CSR



activities perfectly in the surrounding areas. He requested the surrounding villagers to extend their cooperation to the expansion proposal of the industry and requested the Public Hearing Panel to send their recommendations to MOEF& CC for issuing clearance to the industry.

14. Sri M. Satyanarayana, Yelamanchili while welcoming the proposed expansion informed that this is only a grinding unit and not a cement production factory hence the level of pollution to the surroundings would be very minimal. He requested the management to develop more green belt and employment opportunities to the surrounding villages. He also requested to allot CSR funds to all the surrounding villages equally.

While addressing the views, suggestions raised by the public, Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Senior General Manager (Works) assured the following:

- i. Providing employment to the local educated youth will be preferred considering their skills & qualifications.
- ii. Carrying and allotment of CSR activities to the surrounding villages will be ensured.
- iii. Allotment of Funds to the development of schools in surrounding villages will be ensured after discussing with the management.
- iv. The issue of providing Water Tank, Kalyanamandapam, individual water taps will be discussed with management and try to take-up in future.
- v. Conducting medical camps both human and veterinary will be considered,
- vi. Providing rainwater pits in the industry as well as in the surrounding villages will be adopted.
- vii. Providing skill development programmes to the local youth will be taken-up.

During the public hearing 13 No of representations received, out of 13 representations all 13 are welcoming the expansion of the proposed project.


The Chairman of the Public Hearing, while concluding the public hearing meeting discussed on the following points:

1. Wherever, the public hearing is conducted the issues of Employment for locals and allotment of CSR funds is raised and this has to be considered by the project proponent.
2. The execution of CSR funds @2% should be spent transparently as per guidelines.
3. Since the industry is a grinding unit, air pollution will persist but that should be as per CPCB & APPCB prescribed limits and permissions will be issued as per norms.
4. The development of green belt is to be considered more wherever the vacant spaces available in the premises. Development of more greenbelt will reduce the impact of pollution to the surroundings.
5. Many requirements raised by the public are to be carried out by the Government, but the industry may pursue the possibility of providing the facilities from the CSR funds.
6. The recorded minutes will be submitted to State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Andhra Pradesh, Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Changes for taking further decision.

He concluded the public hearing meeting by thanking the people for their active participation and co-operation.



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