

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED LPG BOTTLING FACILITY AT KAMALAPUR (V&M), WARANGAL URBAN DISTRICT BY M/S. HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LTD (LPG PROJECTS) ON 09-02-2017 AT 11.00 A.M. AT PROJECT SITE.

The following Panel Members were present:

Sl.No.	Name of the Panel Members	Designation
1	Ms. Amrapali Kata Collector & District Magistrate, Warangal Urban District	Chairperson of the Public Hearing panel
2	Sri G. Hanumantha Reddy Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, T.S. Pollution Control Board, Warangal.	Member of the Public Hearing panel

The following Government Department Officials took part in the Environmental Public Hearing:

Sl.No.	Name & Designation	
1.	Sri B. Nageshwara Rao	Tehsildar, Kamalapur Mandal, Warangal Urban District

The following representatives of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. were present:

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1	Sri K Subramanian, Deputy General Manager, South Central Zone, Vishakhapatnam.
2	Sri M. B. Ingole, Chief Regional Manager, Hyderabad LPG Regional Office, Hyderabad
3	Sri Brahmananda Reddy, Senior Manager, LPG Projects, LPG SBU HQO, Mumbai
4	Sri A V Suresh, Senior Manager, LPG Projects, Warangal LPG Bottling Plant, Warangal
5	Sri Venkatesh S Singh, Deputy Manager LPG Projects, Warangal LPG Bottling Plant, Warangal
6	Sri Rajkumar Garapati, Deputy Manager Sales, Warangal Sales Area, Warangal
7	Sri K Neeliya, Project Officer, Warangal LPG Bottling Plant, Warangal*

ABOUT 150 PEOPLE FROM SURROUNDING VILLAGES ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

At the outset, Sri. G. Hanumantha Reddy, Environmental Engineer, TSPCB, Regional Office, Warangal, while welcoming the District Collector, Warangal Urban, other officials, industry representatives, press and public gathered at the venue explained the significance of public hearing in the context of Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), GOI, Notification No. S.O. 1533, dt. 14th September 2006 and its subsequent amendments. He stated that HPCL has proposed to establish LPG Bottling Facility at Kamalapur (V&M), Warangal Urban District. He stated that Environmental Clearance needs to be obtained from MoEF&CC, New Delhi as stipulated in MoEF&CC, GOI, Notification No. S.O. 1533, dt. 14th September 2006. Accordingly, HPCL has submitted an application to MoEF for seeking Environmental Clearance for the proposed LPG Bottling Facility. He informed that the environmental public hearing has been made mandatory for the above project in order to obtain necessary Environmental Clearance from MoEF&CC.

He stated that a press notification furnishing the schedule of public hearing was published in two daily news papers, "Eenadu" and "The Hindu" on 09-01-2017 and provided public access to the draft EIA / EMP report, Executive Summary of the report in Telugu and English and public was requested to submit written representations within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of Notification. The notification invited public suggestions, concerns, comments and objections, if any, on the proposed project. He added that no written representation was received in response to the public hearing notification.

He added that the copies of Draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) report and executive summary in Telugu & English were placed at various offices for public access as mentioned in the press notification.

He informed that the Public Hearing is intended to record the views, objections and suggestions of the public present in the meeting. He said that as part of the hearing, HPCL management will initially explain about the project and also make a power point presentation on the salient features of the project including measures proposed for environment protection and then the public will be given opportunity to present their opinion on the proposed project. He also informed that the public hearing will be conducted in a transparent manner, entire proceedings will be video recorded and the minutes of the public hearing will be forwarded to MoEF&CC for further course of action.

He then requested the Chairperson of the public hearing i.e., the Collector & District Magistrate, Warangal Urban District to chair the proceedings of Public Hearing.

Ms. Amrapali Kata, Collector & District Magistrate, Warangal Urban District welcomed the gathering and informed that the proposed project will boost all round development in the area. She assured that all the persons would be given an opportunity to express their views / suggestions, the proceedings will be video-recorded and minutes will be sent to higher authorities. She requested the representatives of HPCL / Environmental Consultants of the project to explain regarding the company and the proposed project.

Sri A.V. Suresh, Senior Manager, HPCL welcomed the Chairperson, Government Officials, Villagers, Print & Electronic Media and all the participants.

1. He stated that HPCL is a Govt. of India Enterprise under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas - Refining and Marketing of petroleum products & is a Navaratna & Fortune 500 Company. In Telangana State, HPCL has LPG customers - 37 Lakhs, Distributors - 163, RGGLVs - 33, Market share - 37.93%, Market demand - 282 TMT, Annual growth - 8 % last three years. The HPCL has Bottling Plant at Cherlapally of 180 TMTPA capacity & Balance demand is met from HPCL Ananathpur, Kondhapalli and Chandrapur. Hence, a new plant of 60 TMTPA Capacity is proposed near Warangal.
2. The HPCL Proposed new LPG Bottling Plant in Warangal Urban District with capacity of 60 TMPTA = 14,000 Cyl./day and with a project cost of Rs. 95 crores. The project proposed to complete within a period of 18 months from date of EC.
3. The project activity consist mainly receipt of LPG in Bulk LPG Trucks from Vizag LPG Import facility, unloading of LPG from bulk LPG trucks, storage of unloaded LPG in mounded storage bullets, receipt of Empty Cylinders from Distributors, Washing & Bottling of LPG in Cylinders through Automatic Electronic carousels, Quality Checks - Weight, Pin leak, O-ring leak, body leak, Sealing of filled cylinders and Dispatch in Packed cylinder Trucks.
4. He also explained the following safety features proposed to be installed:
 - a. 2 x 3500 KL Fire water storage tanks
 - b. 5 Nos X 410 Kl/hr Fire pumps
 - c. Pressurised (7 kgs/sqcm) Fire hydrant network around all LPG facilities with Hydrant and Monitors @ 30m interval
 - d. Fully automatic Sprinkler system activated by Quartzoid bulbs and Break glass
 - e. Fire Monitors- 40; DH Hydrants - 50
 - f. Gas monitoring system with about 32 Sensors at all critical areas in the plant

- g. Fire Extinguishers
 - i. 10 kgs FE – 85
 - ii. 75 Kgs FE – 4 nos.
 - iii. CO2 – 8 nos

5. He also informed that the plant will be constructed as per OISD 144 & 150 norms (Oil Industry Safety Directorate).

Sri Rama Rao Consultant, M/s. SV Enviro Labs & Consultant, Vishakapatnam: explained the details of EIA & EMP studies conducted. The water requirement for the construction phase is about 15-20 KLD & 30 KLD during operation phase. The HPCL has earmarked approx. 33% land i.e. 11.14 acres for green belt and for safety distances and proposed to develop in a phased manner of 5 years.

The Chairperson of the public hearing requested the public to present their comments, views and their suggestions if any with regard to environmental impacts and consequent environmental safeguards to be taken up for the proposed project.

1. **Sri Naveen Kumar, ZPTC, Kamalapuram (V):-** after customary address, he requested the authorities to recommend for EC clearances immediately. He also requested the HPCL authorities to give priority to the locals for employment. He also express that, the project will contribute to the overall development in the area.
2. **Sri. L. Laxam Rao, MPP, Kamalapuram (V):-** after customary address, he express that, the people of the area are proud to have HPCL project in the area. He specifically thanked the Hon'ble Minister Sri E. Rajender garu & Hon'ble MP Sri Vinod Kumar garu for choosing this location for setting up this project. He further, requested the HPCL management for providing Jobs to the local un-employed youth.
3. **Sri. S. Sammaih, Sarpanch, Kamalapuram (V):-** He expressed his gratitude to Hon'ble Minister Sri E. Rajender garu & Hon'ble MP Sri Vinod Kumar garu for their efforts for choosing this location for setting up this project. He requested the HPCL Management for providing Jobs to the local un-employed.
4. **Sri V. Samba Rao, Ex-ZPTC, Pangidipalli (V):-** He expressed happiness over the proposed project and also stated that the Pangidipally village, Kamalapuram and surrounding area is high in un-employment and requested the HPCL management to give priority to the locals for jobs in the proposed project.

5. **Sri. Ramesh, Kamalapuram (V):-** He stated that, the villagers are very happy for the proposed project and expressed his gratitude to District Collector, MRO & HPCL Officials for proposed project in their area. He further requested the HPCL management to complete the project within the time line i.e. 18 months time.
6. **Sri. K. Ramulu, R/o. Pangidipally (V):-** He stated that, the proposed project is being established between Pangidipally (V) & Kamapalupram (V) and the un-employment is high in the area. He requested the project proponents to complete the project within the stipulated time and give priority to the local for employment.
7. **Sri. M. Sampath, Social Activist, Kamalapuram (V):-** He stated that he obtained two graduation degrees and there is un-employment problem in the mandal, due to this people are migrating to Dubai, Musket, etc. for livelihood. He specifically thanked the Hon'ble Minister Sri E. Rajender garu & Hon'ble MP Sri Vinod Kumar garu for brining the project to the area. He further stated that there may be no major impact on the environment due to the proposed project and requested the HPCL authorities to complete the project on priority and take-up the CSR activities in the area.
8. **Sri. Kolipaka Ramulu, R/o. Vangapally (V):-** He expressed his full support to the proposed project and applauded HPCL management for proposing the project in their area. He further requested the HPCL to take-up development activities in Vangapally village also.
9. **Sri. J. Venugopal, R/o. Kamapalpuram (V):-** He stated that, he has completed two PG degrees and expecting employment from the proposed project. He also requested that the HPCL management shall provide alternate land as their land is allotted to the proposed project.
10. **Sri. K. Mahender, Advocate, R/o. Kamalapuram (V):-** He expressed that the actual motive of the present hearing is to discuss the environmental issues to arised from the proposed project. However, most of the public are discussing issues related to employment and land. He requested the PCB authorities to explain the environmental issues from the proposed project. Further, submitted that the HPCL management shall provide jobs to the land losers.
11. **Sri. M. Ramesh, Ex-MPP, Kamalapuram (V):-** He welcomed the proposed project and his heartfelt thanks to the HPCL for the proposing the project in their area. He requested the project proponents for priority in jobs for the locals and also requested to complete the project in war foot basis.

12. **Sri. Y. Chennakeshawa Reddy, NGO:-** He requested the concerned authorities to recommended for necessary clearance to the proposed project immediately. He further requested for jobs to the locals and utilization of CSR amount to the effected villages only.
13. **Sri. Sunanda Reddy, Environmentalist:-** He expressed his heartfelt thanks to the HPCL for the proposed the project in their area and requested the project proponents for priority in jobs for the locals. He further suggested that, the HPCL shall conduct skill development training to the locals, health & crop study in the area, water harvesting system, greenbelt development (fruit bearing and medicinal plant) and increase CSR budget and utilization of CSR with co-ordination committees.
14. **Sri. H. Madhu Babu, Environmentalist:-** He stated that, he has vast exposure to the public hearing and being attended in 7 to 8 states. While welcoming the proposed project, he suggested for development of more greenbelt and rain water harvesting systems.
15. **Sri. G. Vijaya Reddy NGO:-** while welcoming the proposed project, he suggested for rain water harvesting, using of water judiciously, increasing CSR budget and monitory benefits to gas cylinder delivery boys.

District Collector, Warangal Urban requested officials of HPCL to respond to the issues raised by the speakers.

Sri M. B. Ingole, Chief Regional Manager gave the following clarifications:

- HPCL is a committed organization and has done many CSR activities in the State of Telangana and assured the same in the surrounding villages.
- As the HPCL is a Government of India Company, the recruitment is carried out as per the norms laid.
- He further submitted that, there will be huge opportunity for indirect employment from the proposed project.
- As raised by the speakers, the HPCL will conduct skill development programmes for locals.

Sri Brahmananda Reddy, Senior Manager gave the following clarifications:

- As the HPCL is a Government of India Company, the recruitment is carried out as per the norms laid. He further submitted that, there will be huge opportunity for

indirect employment for locals from the proposed project during construction after construction.

- The capacity of the proposed project is 15000 cylinders per day and the operation of canteen, cylinders delivery, security etc. are generally allotted to locals their by generating employment in the area.
- The major part of the project cost is allotted to construction and safety. The HPCL is proposed to carry out construction and safety works with local resources, hence generate employment in the area.
- The HPCL has proposed to construct the project as per OISD 144 & 150 norms.

District Collector, Warangal Urban District, further invited to public to speak. As there are no more speakers and concluded the hearing and assured that the public hearing proceedings along with videography will be forwarded to higher authorities for further course of action. She requested HPCL management to initiate skill development programs and ensure local people get preference in employment before the plant is ready for operation. She requested un-employed youth to attend Prajavani Programme conducted on every Monday for further guidance regarding skill development and employment.



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