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2.1 History of Daulat Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Halkarni :

“Chandgad Taluka” is western part of Kolhapur district and is on the western boarder of Karnataka State at one end and at another Ajara and Gadhinglaj Taluka of Kolhapur District.

Chandgad taluka is not industrially developed in this taluka main occupation of the people is agriculture sugarcane and paddy are the main crops of the agriculturist which is the gift of the river “Markendaya” and “Tamraparani” and good rainfall.

Eighty five percent of the agriculturist are marginal land holders. They are possessing hardly one acre. Further farmers have to totally depends upon rain. There is heavy rainfall every year. That is round about 100-150 mm. Because of this rain drainage is poor and due to this there is no perennial sources water in Chandgad taluka with the view of socio economic development and to uplift the agriculturist in the area of Chandgad taluka.

2.2 Co-operative Movement :

Maharashtra rightfully boasts the successful co-operative Sugar factory in Asia with the effort of the Late Dhananjayrao Gadgil, Late Hon. Vaikunthabhai Mehata and an equally valuable support of Late Hon. Yashwantrao Chavan, the first sugar factory was established at Pravanagar, a maffusid area of Ahmednagar district, before that the co-operative movement was unknown this area.

In order to develop this area and solve the problems of farmers, many political leaders and social workers decided to establish a sugar factory which was kind of supporting for farming. In 1956 the prominent social workers such as V.K.Chavan, Narsingarao Patil, Vyankatrao Desai, P.N.Khandekar, Narsingarao.B Patil and others made up their minds to set a factory.

In 1957 Narsingarao Patil was a chairman of supervising union, he called meeting of political leader, social worker and chairman of various institutions. It was finalised to establish a factory. All leaders took hard efforts to get permission. Finally it was sanctioned with the help of Jagajivanram, Yashwantrao Chawan and B. Shankaranand.

2.3 Registration and Establishment of Karkhana :

The Daulat Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd, Halkarni is registered under Maharashtra co-operative societies Act 1960, bearing registration No.KPR/PRG/A-2 dated 30th January 1970. But the promoter faced many problems in collecting shares with the help of the Government of Maharashtra and hard efforts of leaders share were collected. Thus a new sugar factory in this taluka took birth a Daulat Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd, Halkarni.

Daulat Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd, Halkarni was registered in the year 1970 and Industrial Licence was given by the Trade and Commerce Department of Indian Government on 14th January 1973. They had a contract with M/S Buku Wallbe New India Engineering Works Ltd, Pimpri and the machinery was installed the first trial season was started on 2nd November 1977 with the hard efforts of Shri Narsingarao G. Patil and his Companions the first crushing season was successfully started.

2.4 Board of Directors :

The sugar factory had its first administrative board of directors headed by Dadasaheb Nimbalkar. During 1974 to 1978 the chairman of administrative board was Shri.Narsingarao. G. Patil. Then first elected board of directors was established in October 1978, under the leadership of Shri.N G.Patil. Recently, again Shri. N.G.Patil is elected as a chairman of this factory.

The present elected Board of Directors is as follows :

1	Shri. Narsingarao. G. Patil	Chairman
2	Shri. Gopalrao. M. Patil	Vice Chairman
3	Shri. N. N. Desai	Director
4	Shri. G. B. Gavade	Director
5	Shri. A. A. Mulla	Director
6	Shri. V. S. Vali	Director
7	Shri. S. V. Chavan	Director
8	Shri. G. N. Patil	Director
9	Shri. S. K. Patil	Director
10	Shri. L. A. Suryavanshi	Director
11	Shri. A. N. Mohite	Director
12	Shri. B. V. Desai	Director
13	Shri. G. L. Sawant	Director
14	Shri. N. D.Awadan	Director
15	Shri. N. J. Patil	Director
16	Shri. M. R. Sutar	Senior Director
17	Shri. S. B. Patil	Senior Director
18	Shri. T. R. Patil	Bank Officer
19	Shri. M. L. Hosurkar	Managing Director

2.5 Members of the Karkhana :

The shareholders of this Karkhana are in the 131 Villages of Chandgad Taluka, 94 Villages of Ajara Taluka, 16 Villages of Gadhinglaj Taluka and 3 Villages of Sawantwadi Taluka. As this Karkhana is situated in Chandgad Taluka, naturally the majority of shareholders are in this Taluka. The face value of each share is Rs.5000.

2.6 Share Capital :

The Share capital of Daulat Shetkari Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd, Halkarni at the end of the year 2007-08

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount ((Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
1	Authorised Share Capital		
	a) 20,000 ordinary shares of Rs.5000 each for producer members		10,00,00,000
	b) 500 shares of Rs.5000 each for co-operative societies		25,00,000
2	Subscribed & paid-up capital		10,25,00,000
	a) 19,995 shares of Rs.5000 each for producer members	9,99,75,000	
	Less : Calls in arrears	46,20,955	9,53,54,044
	b) 237 shares of Rs.5000 each for co-operative societies	11,85,000	
	Less : calls in arrears	1,43,000	10,42,000
	Total Rs.		9,63,96,044
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2.7 Cane Development Programme :

The sugarcane produced by the farmers is the prime important raw – material for sugar factory. The factory has been continuously making efforts to increase the supply of raw – material by way of increasing the sugarcane area and yield of sugarcane per acre. For that purpose the management planned to solve the problems of more sugarcane area and more yield. In order to increase the area under sugarcane the management had sponsored 7 lift irrigation scheme for sugarcane producers.

In order to satisfy the need of compost fertilizer, the factory is distributing press – mud to its sugarcane producers members from the very beginning. The factory has also supplied standard seeds to the cane producers by bringing from other place.

The Sugar factory was undertaken the backward class small land holders. Subsidy scheme with the policy of the Government of Maharashtra for providing economical assistance to backward class small land holders. Sometimes the factory arranges sugarcane crop competition in order to encourage the cane cultivators to increase the yield per acre.

The factory management has initiated the installation of heat therapy unit for successful implementation of three- tier system of seed multiplication and its distribution.

2.8 Social Services Provided by the Karkhana :

a) Education :

The factory management not only provides necessities to the farmers , but in the field of education, thus have done much more to improve the educational facilities in the factory area, i.e,a high school, G.V.Patil, Jr..College and Yashwantrao Chawan Arts and Commerce

College. This College started in 1989 and the factory has brought advanced education at the doorsteps of the rural masses.

b) Loans for Vehicle :

The factory management helps the sugar factory members to obtain loans for vehicles.

c) Transport :

The Management hires many bullock carts without any profit on seasonal basis to transport sugarcane from farms to the sugar factory site.

d) Loans for the Crop :

The local societies provides loans for the crop to the factory share holders, which is get turn the Kolhapur District Central Co – operative Bank. Then the management recovers the loan from the members while effecting the sugarcane payment to them.

e) Family Planning :

The management arranges family planning camps in the rural areas of the factory.

f) Road Construction :

The factory management had constructed so many roads for a Smoother transportation of the sugarcane. Also this facility is bound to act as an important lever in the rapid economic development of the Villages.

g) Other Activities :

The other social service activities of the sugar factory includes the following :

- a) Workers co-operative society
- b) Consumer co – operative society
- c) Huts for landless people
- d) Free medical checking camps
- e) Financial assistance to wrestlers
- f) Library facility
- g) Seed nursery programme
- h) Gobar gas plants for cultivator members etc.