

**Minutes of Public Hearing for Proposed Sand Ghats (Total 21) of Paranda,
Washi and Kallam Talukas of Osmanabad District conducted on
08/06/2020**

The Environmental Pubic Hearing for below mentioned sand ghats (Total 21) of Paranda , Washi and Kallam Talukas of Osmanabad Distriet was conducted through video conferencing (Zoom App) on 08/06/2020 at 11.30 am at Collector Office, Osmanabad.

Sr.No	Name of proposed sand ghats	Number of sand ghats	Taluka
01	Bangalwadi , Tandulwadi , Aaleshwar, Parewadi Chinchapur Bu., Pandhewadi, Ingonda, Devgaon. Khu-Wadner, Aawarpimpari, Kapilapuri, Hingangaon Bu., Bhotra..	12	Paranda
02	Pargaon-1, Jankapur, Pargon-2, Para, Fakrabad, Dongerwad, Lakhangaon	07	Washi
03	Bhatsawangi, Khadki	02	Kallam

Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai has issued office order vide letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/ PH/B-200518-FTS-0032 dated 18/5/2020 for panel formation as given below for the public hearing.

- 1) District Collector, Osmanabad or his representative - Chairman
(Not below the rank of Additional District Magistrate)
- 2) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board - Member
- 3) Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board - Convener

Following Officers were present for the environmental public hearing at Collector Office Osmanabad

- 1) District Collector, Osmanabad
- 2) Additional Collector, Osmanabad
- 3) Residential, Deputy Collector Osmanabad
- 4) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Aurangabad (Through Video Conferencing)
- 5) District Mining Officer , Collector Office Osmanabad
- 6) Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur

Convener of public hearing Mr. V. P. Shelke, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur welcomed the Chairman of public hearing panel, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Aurangabad who was attending the hearing through video conferencing (Zoom App) and all Participants who were attending the public hearing. Then the public hearing was started with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman.

First of all, convener of public hearing explained that it is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance for certain type of projects according to the provisions of EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated 14/9/2006 and

Amendment dated 1/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance.

Project Proponent District Mining Officer, Osmanabad has submitted proposal on 20/04/2020 along with requisite fee for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed sand excavation activity at total 21 sand ghats of Osmanabad District.

Convener further explained that Mining Department, Central Government has published 'Sand Mining Frame Work, 2018' in March 2018. In which certain guidelines are given for sand excavation. Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its order dated 19/9/2018 in the matter of OA No. 368/2015 issued directions to coordinate with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and to make necessary changes in the policies as per Sustainable sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 and Sand Mining Frame Work, 2018 and to conduct environmental public hearing. However convener informed that as per letter dated 03.12.2019 issued by Environment Department Mantralay Mumbai. It is mandatory for to conduct public hearing bfor obtain prior environment clearance for sand ghat project.

Convener of public hearing further narrated that the main purpose of pubic hearing is to get acquainted with the citizens' views about the various aspects of project and the effects thereof. Also to make people aware about the pollution control arrangements required in the project and the concerned rules, and to consider the views expressed during the public hearing.

According to the application received to MPC Board for conducting public hearing the date of 08/06/2020 was fixed earlier with the approval of District Collector, Osmanabad. The notice for the public hearing was published in Marathi newspaper Daily 'Sakal' and English newspaper Daily 'Lokmat Times' dated 07/05/2020. The documents containing the information of proposed sand ghats were made available at the respective grampanchayats and other Government offices as given below for the knowledge of the people.

- 1) Collector Office, Osmanabad
- 2) District Industries Centre, Osmanabad
- 3) Jilha Parishad, Osmanabad
- 4) Tahsil Office, Paranda, Washi, Kallmb
- 5) Grampanchayat offices -

Paranda Taluka - Bangalwadi, Tandulwadi, Aaleshwar, Parewadi, Chinchapur
Bu., Pandhewadi, Ingonda, Devgaon. Khu-Wadner,
Aawarpimpri, Kapilapuri, Hingangaon Bu., Bhotra.
Washi Taluka - Pargaon-1, Jankapur, Pargbn-2, Para, Fakrabad, Dongerwad,
Lakhangaon,
Kalamb Taluka - Bhatsawangi, Khadki

- 6) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, MIDC, Chikhalthana ,
Aurangabad
- 7) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Third Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai
- 400022

- 8) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Fifteenth Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai
 9) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Bldg., Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra vide its letter number dated 4/5/2020 instructed to conduct public hearing of sand ghats through video-conferencing as lock-down is imposed by the Government due to ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Accordingly, the Environmental Public Hearing for above mentioned 21 sand ghats of Osmanabad District is conducted on 08/06/2020 at 11.30 AM through video conferencing (Zoom App).

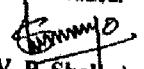
There after District Mining Officer Osmanabad has given detail presentation about 21 number of sand ghats in osmanabad district as well as efforts will be taken to Control pollution during sand excavation.


After the presentation, Mr.V.P.Shelke, convener informed that three suggestion/objection were received through email at Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Latur from citizens regarding the public hearing of sand ghats (i.e. 1. Sunanda Reddy 2. Vidarbha Environment action group Nagpur and 3. Shri. Prasad Khale- Conversation action trust) and copy of same is being handover to District Mining Officer Osmanabad. He then appealed participants to express their views, objections, instructions etc. through the video conferencing.


The details of views expressed by participants and replies given by project proponent is as below.

Sr. No.	Name of Participant and views expressed	Response of project proponent
1	Sunanda Reddy, Dist-Nalgonda, Stae - Telangana - He has submitted his suggestion/ objection in written through mail. <i>l.e.c.</i>	District Mining Officer Osmanabad - It will be implemented accordingly
2	Kiran Sharma, Principal Law College Mumbai - The said Sand ghat public hearing conducted with participation of public/citizen it seems that there is a transparency in project	Mr. P. M. Joshi, RO, MPCB Aurangabad - Transparency is a moto of public hearing .
3	Jagjit Jain -Paranda Dist Osmanabad If there is a water in river bed then how there will be sand excavation	District Mining Officer Osmanabad - The sand excavation will be carried out in only dry river

Mr. V. P. Shelke, convener informed that the all the issues raised by the participants are noted. Then with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman, convener declared that the public hearing is concluded.


 (V. P. Shelke)
 Convener &
 Sub-Regional Officer,
 MPC Board, Latur


 (P. M. Joshi)
 Member &
 Regional Office,
 MPC Board, Aurangabad


 (Deepa Mudholkar)
 Chairman &
 District Magistrate,
 Osmanabad