

## **Minutes of Public Hearing for Proposed Sand Ghats (Total 05) of Latur, Renapur and Deoni Talukas of Latur District conducted on 31.08.2020**

The Environmental Pubic Hearing for below mentioned sand ghats (Total 05) of Latur, Renapur and Deoni Talukas of Latur District was conducted through video conferencing (Webex App) on 31.08.2020 at 11.30 am at Collector Office, Latur.

Sr.No	Name of proposed sand ghats	Number of sand ghats	Taluka
01	Omerga, Salgara	02	Latur
02	Andalgaon,	01	Renapur
03	Batanpur, Gaundgaon	02	Deoni

Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai has issued office order vide letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/ PH/B-200824-FTS-0050 dated 24.08.2020 for panel formation as given below for the public hearing.

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

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

- 1) Additional Collector, Latur
- 2) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Aurangabad (Through Webex App)
- 3) I/c. District Mining Officer, Collector Office Latur
- 4) 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 and Additional Collector, Latur, I/c. District Mining Officer, Latur, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Aurangabad who was attending the hearing through video conferencing (Webex 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 01/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance.

Project Proponent District Mining Officer, Latur has submitted proposal on 21.07.2020 along with requisite fee for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed sand excavation activity at total 05 sand ghats of Latur District.

Convener further explained that Mining Department, Central Government of India has published 'Sand Mining Framework, 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, New Delhi and to make necessary changes in the policies as per Sustainable sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 and Sand Mining Framework, 2018 and to conduct environmental public hearing. However, convener informed that as per letter dated 03.12.2019 issued by Environment Department Mantralaya Mumbai. It is mandatory for to conduct public hearing for obtain prior environment clearance for sand ghat project.

Convener of public hearing further narrated that the main purpose of public 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 31.08.2020 was fixed earlier with the approval of Additional Collector, Latur. The notice for the public hearing was published prior before 30 days in Marathi newspaper Daily 'Sakal' and English newspaper Daily 'Times of India' dated 28.07.2020. The documents containing EMP, Ex Summary 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, Latur
- 2) District Industries Centre, Latur
- 3) Jilha Parishad, Latur
- 4) Tahsil Office, Latur, Renapur & Deoni
- 5) Grampanchayat offices -

Latur Taluka - Omerga, Salgara.

Renapur Taluka - Andalgaon,

Deoni Taluka - Batanpur, Gaundgaon

- 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 videoconferencing as lock-down is imposed by the Government due to ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Accordingly, the Environmental Public Hearing for above mentioned 05 sand ghats of Latur District is conducted on 31.08.2020 at 11.30 AM through video conferencing (Webex App).

Thereafter, Project Proponent consultant, Shri Prashil Shukla has given detail presentation about 05 number of sand ghats in Latur district as well as efforts will be taken to Control pollution during sand excavation.

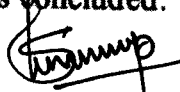
After the presentation, Convener informed that there is no any Suggestion/objection were received at Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Latur from citizens regarding the public hearing of sand ghats and requested to all participant if any questions in view with Environmental angle they can ask with his name & address.


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	<p><b>Mr. P. M. Joshi, RO, MPCB Aurangabad</b> He asked, as per the Environment management plan air quality monitoring is proposed fortnightly at implanted village. It must be as per protocol of CPCB it reflects contradictions.</p> <p>Further asked about scheme of planation proposed as part of EMP. Further pointed that, the proposed EMP is purpose to execute by contractors and not by Collector Office. In a such case suggested that, the proposed fund against EMP should not be get deposited by Collector Office, rather contractor should directly make expenses for the activities proposed in EMP.</p>	<p><b>Prashil Shukla (Project Proponent consultant) –</b> Air quality will be monitored as per CPCB guidelines. Necessary budgetary provision will be made by Contractor.</p> <p>Plantation is proposed along the bank of river. Also, planation is proposed along Sand transport road on both sides. Necessary budgetary provision will be made by Contractor.</p>

Further, Hon'ble Chainman of Public hearing and Additional Collector, Latur has requested to participant who have participate in the public hearing through Webex app video conferencing for suggestion/objections or if any questions related with Environmental angle about proposed 05 nos. of Sand belts as well as Member of Public hearing and Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad has also requested to participant to ask any questions related with Environmental angle about proposed 05 nos. of Sand belts.

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

  
(Arvind Lokhande)  
Chairman &  
Additional Collector, Latur