

**Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing for Proposed Sand Ghats
(Total 3) of Shahada Taluka of Nandurbar District conducted on 01/09/2020**

The Environmental Public Hearing for below mentioned sand ghats (Total 03) of Shahada Taluka of Nandurbar District was conducted through video conferencing (Zoom App) on 01/09/2020 at 11.00 am.

Name of proposed sand ghats	Taluka	River	Nearest Gut No.
Kauthal Ta. Sa.	Shahada	Tapi	1/1, 1/2
Kurhawad Ta. Sa.	Shahada	Tapi	1/1, 1/2, 1/3
Tembhe Bu.	Shahada	Tapi	303/1, 303/2, 296/1, 296/2, 296/3

Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai has issued office order vide letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/ PH/B-200824-FTS-0038 dated 24/08/2020 for panel formation as given below for the public hearing.

- 1) Resident Deputy Collector and Additional District Magistrate, Nandurbar - Chairman
- 2) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board - Member
- 3) Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board - Convener

Following panel members were present for the environmental public hearing.

- 1) Mr. Sudhir Khande, Resident Deputy Collector and Additional District Magistrate, Nandurbar
- 2) Mr. Amar Durgule, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik (Through Video Conferencing)
- 3) Mrs. Saujanya Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule

Convener of public hearing Mrs. Saujanya Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule welcomed the Chairman of public hearing panel, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nashik who was attending the hearing through video conferencing, Officers of Revenue Department and all citizens who was attending the public hearing through video conferencing. 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 14/09/2006 and Amendment dated 01/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance.

Project Proponent Hon'ble District Collector, Nandurbar has submitted proposal on 23/07/2020 along with fee for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed sand excavation activity at total 03 sand ghats of Nandurbar 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 19/09/2018 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 2020 and to conduct environmental public hearing.

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 for the public hearing is fixed as per the approval of Hon'ble District Collector, Nandurbar. The notice for the public hearing was published in Marathi Daily 'Lokmat' and English Daily 'The Times of India' dated 29/07/2020. 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, Nandurbar
- 2) District Industries Centre, Nandurbar
- 3) Zilha Parishad, Nandurbar
- 4) Tahsil Office, Shahada, Tal. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
- 5) Sub-Divisional Office, Shahada, Tal. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
- 6) Grampanchayat offices –
 - (a) Kauthal Ta. Sa. Tal. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
 - (b) Kurhawad Ta. Sa. Tal. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
 - (c) Tembhe Bu. Tal. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
- 7) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, UdyogBhavan, First Floor, Tryambak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik-422007
- 8) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Third Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022
- 9) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Fifteenth Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai
- 10) 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 dated 04/05/2020 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 03 sand ghats of Nandurbar District is scheduled on today i.e. 01/09/2020 at 11.00 AM through video conferencing (Zoom App).

The District Mining Officer Nandurbar informed that to all present members of Public Hearing, the District Survey Report (DSR) Draft of Nandurbar District has been published on the website of Nandurbar district dated 29.07.2020 and this information published through the Dainik Deshdut & Nanddarshan newspapers for the information and feed back of the Public.

Thereafter, Project Consultant Mr. Prashil Shukla (Enviro Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd. Nagpur) gave a brief presentation on behalf of Project Proponent on proposed sand ghats and measures proposed for pollution control during sand excavation.

After the presentation, convener informed that no written representation was received from citizens regarding the public hearing of sand ghats.

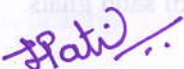
Mr. Amar Durgule, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Nashik appealed participants to express their views, objections, instructions etc. through the video conferencing. The details of views expressed by participants and replies given by project proponent is as below.

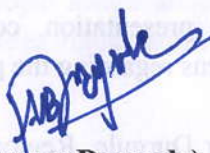
Sr. No.	Name of Participant and views expressed	Response of project proponent
1	Mr. Sunil Shrikrishna Kuwar (Sarangkheda) - Whether poklane machines will be used for sand excavation or it will be carried out manually?	Mr Prashil Shukla replied that sand excavation will be carried out manually only. Poklane machines or any other machine will not be used. Also sand below the water will not be excavated.
2	Mr. Nilesh Marathe (Nandurbar) – Whether sand will be transported through trucks or tractors?	Mr. Prashil Shukla replied that according to sand excavation policy dated 03/09/2019 trucks are not permitted for sand transportation at the sand excavation places. Contractors will have their depot at certain distance (more than 500 Meter) from the sand excavation point. Tractors will be used to transport sand from sand excavation point to the depot. Trucks may be used to transport the sand from depot to consumer (if required), but from river bed to depot trucks will not be used; only tractors will be used. Also the trucks will be having GPS tracker and Tahsildars can monitor the transportation status.
3	Mr. Nilesh Marathe (Nandurbar) – Whether CCTV system will be installed and operated at the sand	Mr. Prashil Shukla replied that according to sand excavation policy dated 03/09/2019 and also Hon'ble High Court, Nagpur order it is


excavation point?	obligatory to install CCTV system at sand excavation places. The CCTV system is under surveillance by Tahsildars and District Control Committee.
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Convener of Public Hearing Mrs. Saujanya Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB and Chairman of Public Hearing Mr. Sudhir Khande, Additional District Magistrate appealed to all participants to express their views, if any. Thereafter no one comes forward to express their views.

Mrs. Saujanya Patil informed that all the issues raised by the participants are noted. Then with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman he declared that the public hearing is concluded.


(Saujanya Patil)
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 Sub-Regional Officer,
 MPC Board, Dhule

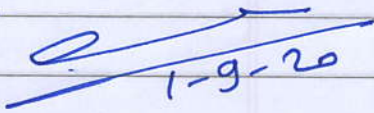
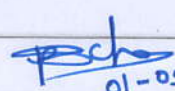
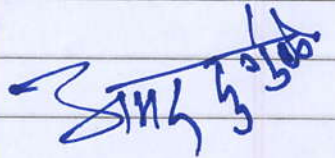
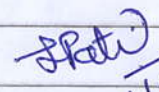
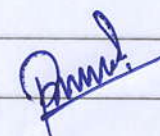

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 Member &
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०१	श्री. सुधीर खांदे.	निवासी उपजिल्हाधिकारी तथा अजगर जिल्हा- दंडाधिकारी	 1-9-20
०२	श्रीमती रोहीणी चव्हाण	जिल्हा खाजिर्त डाधिकारी	 01-09-2020
०३	श्री. अजर दुर्गवं	प्रादेशिक डाधिकारी महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, नासिक	
०४	सौ. सौजन्या पाथीर	उप प्रादेशिक डाधिकारी महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, कुठ	 11/09/2020
०५	डॉ. प्रभाकर वावं	शेग डाधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ	

Total 15 (fifteen)
 Participants have
 attended the public
 Hearing through zoom
 App (video conferencing)


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