

Minutes of Public Hearing for Proposed Sand Ghats (Total 12) of Bhusawal, Chopda, Yawal, Pachora, Bhadgaon, Muktainagar & Amalner Talukas of Jalgaon District conducted on 19/05/2021 at 11:00 am.

The Environmental Pubic Hearing for below mentioned sand ghats (Total 12) of Bhusawal, Chopda, Yawal, Pachora, Bhadgaon, Muktainagar & Amalner Talukas of Jalgaon District was conducted through video conferencing (Zoom App) on 19/05/2021 at 11.00 am from Collector Office, Jalgaon.

Sr. No.	Name of proposed sand ghats	Taluka
1	Joglakheda	Bhusawal
2	Belvhay Part-1	Bhusawal
3	Belvhay Part-2	Bhusawal
4	Pimpri	Chopda
5	Sutkar	Chopda
6	Kolamba	Chopda
7	Thorgavan	Yawal
8	Pardhade	Pachora
9	Vadadhe	Bhadgaon
10	Bhokari	Muktainagar
11	Rundhati Part-2	Amalner
12	Hingonesim Part-1	Amalner

Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai has issued office order vide letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-210510-FTS-0044, dated 10/05/2021 for panel formation as given below for the public hearing.

- 1) District Magistrate, Jalgaon or his Representative
(Not below the rank of Additional District Magistrate) - 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. Abhijit Raut, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Jalgaon.
- 2) Dr. Pravin Joshi, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik (Through Video Conferencing).
- 3) Mr. S. M. Kurmude, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalgaon.

Convener of public hearing Mr. S. M. Kurmude, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalgaon 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 of Jalgaon District who were 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 Additional District Collector, Jalgaon has submitted proposal on 09/03/2020 along with requisite fee for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed sand excavation activity at total 12 sand ghats of Jalgaon District.

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 19/05/2021 at 11: 00 am were fixed earlier with the approval of District Collector, Jalgaon. The notice for the public hearing was published in Marathi Daily 'Sakal' and English Daily 'The Times of India' dated 15/04/2021. The copies draft EIA / EMP and Executive Summaries in English & Marathi submitted by Project Proponent were made available at the following Govt. Offices & MPCB website for knowledge of people.

- 1) Collector Office, Jalgaon.
- 2) District Industries Centre, Jalgaon.
- 3) Jilha Parishad, Jalgaon.
- 4) Tahsil Offices - Bhusawal, Chopda, Yawal, Pachora, Bhadgaon, Muktainagar & Amalner.
- 5) Sub-Divisional Office, Bhusawal, Faizpur, Pachora & Amalner.
- 6) Grampanchayat Offices –
 - (a) Joglakheda, Belvhay Part-1 & Belvhay Part-2, Tal. Bhusawal
 - (b) Pimpri, Sutkar & Kolamba Tql. Chopda.
 - (c) Thorgavan and Pimpri, Tal. Yawal.
 - (d) Pardhade, Tal. Pachora.
 - (e) Vadadhe, Tal. Bhadgaon.
 - (f) Bhokari, Tal. Muktainagar.
 - (g) Rundhati Part-2 & Hingonesim Part-1, Tal Amalner.
- 7) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Old B. J. Market, Hall No.A, 3rd Floor, Jalgaon-425001.
- 8) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Tryambak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik-422007.
- 9) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Third Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022.
- 10) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Fifteenth Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai.
- 11) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Bldg., Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001.

Thereafter, District Mining Officer, Mr. Dipak Chavan gave a brief presentation on proposed sand ghats and measures proposed for pollution control during sand excavation.

After the presentation, convener informed that there is no any written representation was received regarding public hearing till the date of public hearing. 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	Mr. Umesh Sonawane, Thorghavan – Which Gat No. of sand ghats near Mauje Thorgavhan village and how much brass there will be.	District Mining Officer – Near Mauje Thorgavhan village (Adjecant Tapi Riverbed) Gat No. 1 & 2 are sand ghats from which 3557 brass sand shall be extracted.
2	Mr. Shashikant Patil, Sarpanch, Pardhade – Will the protection wall for the village be sanctioned under DPDC if the sand in the Girna river basin near our village is contracted?	District Mining Officer – This is not an environmental issue, only raised environmental issue. SDO, Pachora - Approve the resolution of the defense wall through your gram panchayat and send the proposal to the sub-divisional office and as a special matter. We will send it to the MLA or Deputy Collector for further action.
3	Mr. Kadamsing Patil, Member of ZP – How much benefit will the village get if the sand contract of Mauje Pardhade is signed?	District Mining Officer – According to the new sand planning policy, 25%, 20% and 15% of the prescribed amount is given to the gram panchayat for various development works. Up to 1 crore - 25% 1 to 2 crore - 20% 2 to 5 crore - 15% } District Mineral Establishment Scheme
4	Mr. Kadamsing Patil, Member of ZP – The sand ghat near Bahudeshwar village was auctioned 2-3 years ago. But the amount of its secondary mineral has not been received yet.	District Mining Officer – A new sand policy has been formulated and new provisions have been added, which were not available earlier.
5	Mr. Chandrakant Sonawane, Sutkar – When will the sand ghats near Mauje Sutkar village be auctioned and when will the sand be transported?	District Mining Officer – The sand ghats will be auctioned after getting the permission of the environment dept. After the auction, the sand ghat will be given to the auctioneer. After the auctioneer takes possession of the sand ghats, the sand will be exaction and transported. The sand ghats will be auctioned by September 2021.
6	Mr. Vikas Navhale, CO, Bhadgaon Municipal Council – There is a water supply well near the sand ghat and the distance for this sand ghat should be considered.	District Mining Officer – According to the new sand policy, the sub-technical committee verifies the public water / water supply wells, railway bridges and road bridges etc. from the sand ghats and issues certificates and further action is taken accordingly.

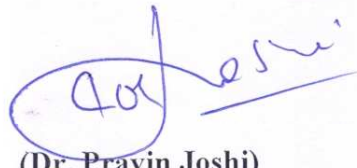
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7	Mr. Kailash Chavde, Tahaslidar, Pachora – The sand ghat near Mauje Pardhade village is reserved for government works only.	District Mining Officer – The sand ghat will be auctioned only if there is a demand for sand for government works. Municipalities and surrounding government departments have been notified and you will be informed once the report is received.
8	Mr. Shashikant Patil, Sarpanch, Pardhade – The sand contract near Mauje Pardhade village should not be given for government work but for the general. Accordingly, the Gram Panchayat has given a resolution for government work and can it be changed for General?	District Mining Officer – Can be given.
9	Mr. Vikas Navhale, CO, Bhadgaon Municipal Council - According to the new policy, 15 to 20% of the amount should be received as soon as possible.	District Mining Officer – If the sand ghat at Vaddhe is successfully auctioned, you will be paid according to the new policy.

Mr. S. M. Kurmude, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB and Mr. Dipak Chavan, District Mining Officer appealed to all participants to express their views, if any. Thereafter no one comes forward to express their views.

Mr. S. M. Kurmude informed that the 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.


(S. M. Kurmude)

Convener
&
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPC Board, Jalgaon



(Dr. Pravin Joshi)

Member
&
Regional Office,
MPC Board, Nashik



(Abhijit Raut) I.A.S.

Chairman
&
District Magistrate,
Jalgaon