

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED
THREE NOS OF SAND BELT DREDGING AT TALUKA -KALWAN,
DISTRICT -NASHIK, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY DISTRICT
MINING OFFICE, NASHIK, MAHARASHTRA**

The public hearing in respect of proposed three nos of Sand Belt Dredging at Kalwan Taluka, Dist - Nashik proposed by District Mining Officer, Nashik, Maharashtra was conducted on Monday, the 11th Oct. 2021 at 10.00 a.m. at Panchayt Samiti Hall, Central Administrative Building, Manur, Tal-Kalwan, Dist - Nashik, Maharashtra.

As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Office Order No. E -83 of 2021 issued under letter no.BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B - 210916-FTS-0093, Dated 16-09-2021 as below :-

- 1) District Magistrate, Nashik - **Chairman**
or his representative not below the
rank of an Additional District Magistrate
- 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik - **Member**
(Representative of
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, - **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Nashik

Shri Amar Durgule, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Member of the Public Hearing Committee, Other Government Officials and public who were present in large number and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that Project Proponent – District Mining Officer, Nashik proposed three nos of Sand Belt Two at River Girna and One at River Tambadi dredging in Kalwan Taluka Dist. Nashik. MPCB is in receipt of the application from Project Proponent District Mining Office, Nashik, to conduct the public consultation.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the directives issued by Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra as per letter 03-12-2019 directed to conduct prior public hearing for sand belt mining (minor mineral). As per the Notification of MoEFCC, GoI, 2006, the project falls under Category 2 (b), and prior consultation is mandatory for it.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the project.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspaper in Daily "Sakal" in Marathi on 08.09.2021 and in national newspaper in the "Deshdoot" in English on 08.09.2021. The public were asked to send their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed sand belts mining.

As per the Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (MoEFCC, GoI), the copies of detail information of Environment Management Plan (EMP) and Executive Summary of the proposed sand belts in English and in Marathi (local language) were made available at various notified offices of Government. i.e. Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, GoM, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032; District Magistrate Office-Nashik; Zilla Parishad Office-Nashik; Joint Director, M.P.C. Board Kalpataru Point, Sion, Mumbai Grampanchayat office at Desgaon, Kalwan(b), Werkheda, Tal-Kalwan, Dist – Nashik, SDO and Tahashil Office – Kalwan, Regional Office, MPCB, Nashik; and executive summary at on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project.

Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting informed all that an opportunity is given to raise any suggestion or objection in writing as well as orally during public hearing. He requested to Additional District Magistrate, Malegaon and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to give permission to start the proceedings.

Mrs. Mayadevi Patole, Additional District Magistrate, Nashik and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed the Project Proponent to explain Environment Management Plan in local language Marathi.

Mrs. Rohini Chavan, District Mining Officer, Nashik, Project Prapoanat while giving the presentation informed all the Environment Management Plan and Environment Development Reserved Fund and proposed green belt development programmes by slide shows. It is informed that at Kalwan Taluka, there are three sand belts i.e. at Desgaon, Kalwan(b), Werkheda. The total area is 3.068 hector and sand storage for mining is 3252 brass. The cost is Rupees 54,64,996.95/- She also explains the details of majors taken during the sand dredging will be carried manually through Spades, Ghamela, Tractor with trolley without drilling & blasting. To control Air Pollution Periodic water sprinkling on the kutch road used for sand transport. Plantation will be done along riverbanks and on free spaces near the sand spots to minimise Noise Pollution dredging and sand transport will be carried out during the daytime only, To control Water Pollution Sand dragging will be carried out in dry river bed only. The depth of the mine pit will be maintained above the river water level. River streams will not be diverted to form inactive channels. On the banks of both sides of the lease boundary & Haul Road outside river bed. Workers and operators will be provided with personal protective equipment. Safety helmets and footwear, in addition to ear, eye, and hand protection devices.

After the presentation, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed there are Five sand mining belts in the district and as per the directives of Govt. of Maharashtra dated 03-12-2019, it is mandatory to conduct public consultation while obtaining Environment Clearance. He appealed to raise the suggestions, objections regarding water, air, river bed and if they feel some danger/hazard.

Following have participated during the discussions and the Answers given by the Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee :-

1) **Shri Sudhakar Kambadi, Warkheda, Tal-Kalwan, Dist -Nashik :-**

The cost of the sand mining is very high and not affordable

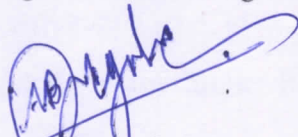
Mrs. Rohini Chavan, Project Proponent informed that the cost is decided as per Govt. norms.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that all this public hearing proceedings is being recorded audio and video form and munities and then it will be send to Environment Department for further processing. The committee will not take any decision or grant permission the project, you may give your suggestions, objections in writing also. There was no response.

Chairman, Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any suggestions, objections. There was no response.

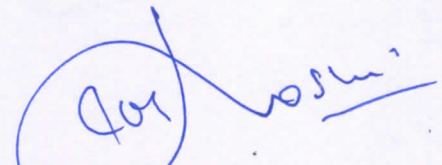
Chairman, Public Hearing Committee here said that Environment Consultant has given the answers to the objections raised by the participants. The minutes of meeting will be prepared and the report will be submitted to Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra. He thanked all Public Present for the hearing, Government officials, project officials and declared that the meeting is concluded.

The meeting ended extending thanks to Chair.



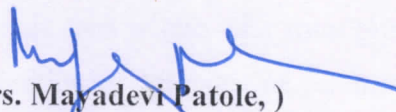
(Amar Durgule)

Convener,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Nashik



(Dr. P. M. Joshi)

Member, Representative of MPC Board
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Nashik



(Mrs. Mayadevi Patole,)

Chairman,
Environment Public Hearing Committee
And
Additional District Magistrate, Malegaon,
Dist - Nashik