

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SAND GHATS (TOTAL 34) OF YAVATMAL, BABHULGAON, ARNI, KALAMB, GHATANJI, UMARKHED, RALEGAON, MAHAGAON, WANI MAREGAON & ZARI-JAMNI TALUKAS OF YAVATMAL DISTRICT CONDUCTED ON 10/11/2021.

The Environment Public Hearing for below mentioned sand ghats (Total 34) of Yavatmal, Babhulgaon, Arni, Kalamb, Ghatanji, Umarkhed, Ralegaon, Mahagaon, Wani Maregaon & Zari-Jamni Talukas of Yavatmal District was conducted at Bachat Bhavan (Baliraja Chetna Bhavan), Collector Office Area, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal on 10/11/2021 at 12.30 pm.

Sr. No.	Name of Proposed Sand Ghats	Taluka
1	Sakur, Bori Gosavi	Yavatmal
2	Saujana, Nandesawangi, Watkhed Bu., Watkhed Khu.	Babhulgaon
3	Mukindpur, Kawatha Ba., Jalandri, Aayata	Arni
4	Warha, Hirapur, Dharmapur	Ralegaon
5	Aurangpur, Satefal, Kalasapur	Kalamb
6	Ratnapur, Tadsawali	Ghatanji
7	Chalgani, Unchawadad, Hatla	Umarkhed
8	Karanjkhed, Dhar Khurd, Bhosa	Mahagaon
9	Bhurki, Shailu Khurd, Ijasan, Punwat, Bellora	Wani
10	Apti Dakshin, Kosara	Maregaon
11	Kalamveli, Hirapur, Watholi	Zari-Jamni

Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai has issued office order vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-21109-FTS-0107 dated 09/11/2021 for panel formation as given below for the public hearing.

1. Shri. Amol Yedge
District Magistrate,
Collector Office, Chandrapur - **Chairman**
2. Shri. A. M. Kare
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur - **Member**
3. Shri. U. B. Bhadule
I/c. Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur - **Convener**

I/c. Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Public Hearing Committee welcomed the dignitaries on the stage and the citizens present in the hall for the Public Hearing. He also requested the permission of the chairman of the committee to start public hearing on the environmental issues.

First of all, the Convener, Public Hearing Committee, informed that the Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of India, New Delhi, dated 14/09/2006 and revised as per the notification dated 01/12/2009, it is mandatory for certain projects to get environmental consent and before that it is mandatory to hold public hearing on environment.

For the extraction of sand from 34 sand ghats in Yavatmal District, the project proponent District Mining Officer, Mining Department, Collector Office, Yavatmal on 29/09/2021 made an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to hold a public hearing on environmental issues by paying the fee.

The Convener mentioned that the Sand Mining Framework, 2018 has been published by the Minerals Department of the Central Government in March 2018. In it, some guidelines have been given by studying some of the prominent states in the country regarding the matters required while extracting sand. Also, Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in accordance with the Order No. 368/2015 dated 19/09/2018 in coordination with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi, to make favorable changes in the policy as per Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 and Sand Mining Framework, 2018 and 2020 gave instructions for holding a public hearing.

The Convener noted that the main purpose of the public hearing on environment is to make the general public in the project area aware of the project and its consequences, to inform the general public about the Pollution Control Plant binding on the project and related laws and to consider their suggestions.

M. P. C. Board in connection with the application for holding public hearing with the permission of Hon'ble District Collector, Yavatmal, a date was fixed on 10/11/2021 for holding environmental public hearing regarding sand ghats in Yavatmal District. As per the rules, an advertisement was published in the Marathi daily 'Lokmat' and the English daily 'Times of India' on 08/10/2021 30 days in advance. Also, as per the notification, copies of the draft EIA/EMP & Executive Summary in English & Marathi with prominent features related to sand ghats and information about the project were made available for study in Marathi and English in the offices mentioned in the advertisement of the Government.

After that the project promoter – Shri. Prashil Shukla, Environment Consultant presented a detailed report (PPT Presentation) regarding 34 sand ghats in Yavatmal District. He also informed about the measures to be taken while controlling pollution while extracting sand.

After the presentation, the convener appealed to the citizens present for the public hearing to submit their views, comments, objections and suggestions regarding the 34 Sand Ghats. The summary of issues raised, and reply submitted by project proponent is as below.

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Shri. Devendra S. Chavan, Hatla, Tal. Umarkhed, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Sand mines in our area are on district border of Nanded & Yavatmal Districts. Many times, it is not known that in which district the sand mine is. While mining we don't understand the district where we are mining. Administration on other side suggest to carry out mining activity in Yavatmal District	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel & District Collector, Yavatmal said that, the point is noted. According to rules solution will be given for your problem. While handing over the sand mining the Mandal Officer & Talathi of concerned mines will be present.

2) Prof. Shri. Pradip Ramkrushna Raut, Director, Service Centre for Awareness, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I would like to bring to notice that 99% of roads in district connecting sand mines are damaged. About 40% people are bound to use these roads. I made complaint 2 years back to District Collector, Yavatmal about legal & illegal transportation of sand from Ayata & Khadka mines and due to these roads worth Rs. 20 Crores constructed 5 years back are completely damaged. Daily there is movement of about 200 trucks which mostly has illegal transportation. Not	Chairman of the Public Hearing & District Collector, Yavatmal said that, the objection is noted. Concerned departments will be informed to repair the damaged roads. Suitable action will be taken in compliance of your objections/complaint. Budget for road work will be ensured. Condition to sprinkle water on roads during transportation & adopt other necessary measure

	<p>a single rupee is spent for repair & maintenance of these roads from revenue generated due to mining. I demand that, roads leading to 34 mines shall be constructed of high capacity within 1 year. Also use 100% amount from revenue received/generated in 1 year & only after that mining may be done. There is no oppose for development work. Roads should be in proper condition for use of transportation of common people. Subsequently written objection to District Collector is submitted & I request to send it ahead to higher authorities. Till high strength/quality roads are constructed there should be no auction of 34 sand ghats.</p>	<p>will be incorporated in agreement. In Arni Taluka of Yavatmal District, tender work of 12 roads, worth Rs. 1109.31 Lakh are initiated by special project of PWD Yavatmal.</p>
2	<p>Many news appeared against Tahsil Office regarding illegal sand mining. There is no action. It is in news that, illegal mining has badly damaged the roads. Students could not go to school for six months. I requested Hon'ble District Collector, Yavatmal to visit the village Sukali. Daily there is news in newspaper that tractors are caught but there is no action. Action should be taken. Sand mining is done using boats also. No action is taken by Police even after complaint is made. I request on behalf of people. Less people are present for Public Hearing. On one side officers such as Talathi, Tahsildars are present. If other people are there, they should raise their hands. How many people are present should be known?</p>	<p>Chairman, Public Hearing Panel & District Collector, Yavatmal said that, your objection is noted.</p> <p>Convenor of the Public Hearing said that, advertisements were published 30 days prior i.e. on 08/10/2021 in Daily Marathi Newspaper Lokmat & Daily English newspaper The Times of India. The copies of EIA/EMP & Executive Summary in English & Marathi were kept in offices mention in advertisement for study of people.</p>

Grampanchayats did not inform people. Only 6 persons are present.	
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3) Prof. Shri. Ghanshyam Darne, Kalamb, Tal. Kalamb, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I agree with issues raised by Shri. Raut because same situation is in Kalamb Taluka sand mines. In my Taluka the sand mine at Aurangpur, Satefal, Kalaspur are within 2 to 3 kms range & due to sand transportation the roads in this area destructed. Prominently, the roads from Kalamb to Babhulgaon. Even after repairing many times these roads are destructed due to sand transportation in very less time. It is a question if the presenter of PPT i.e. M/s. Enviro Techno Consultatnt has seen or not these sand mines. They would have understood the worst condition of these roads had those been viewed by them. I ask the consultant to show if the riverbanks are protected or not. Consultant told that mining will be done by non-mechanical ways but at all sand mines in district, the mining is done by mechanical method. This is known to all the authorities, but no action is taken against this. There is protection to illegal mining & transportation. Anyone who opposed has the fear of life/has resulted in killing. Severe incidents such as driving vehicle on Tahsildar has happened in district. I request Revenue & Mining Department under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble	Chairman, Public Hearing Panel & District Collector, Yavatmal said that, your objection is noted. Suitable action will be taken according to the rules. Convenor of the Public Hearing said that, advertisements were published 30 days prior i.e. on 08/10/2021 in Daily Marathi Newspaper Lokmat & Daily English newspaper The Time of India. The copies of EIA/EMP & Executive Summary in English & Marathi were kept in offices mention in advertisement for study of people. The procedure is as mentioned in Notification of MOEF&CC dtd. 14/09/2006 & 01/12/2009. For this Public Hearing Tahsildars of concerned area are connected through online method.

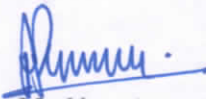
	<p>District Collector including Sub-Divisional Officers and Tahsildar, Mining Officer to take cognizance of this. They should verify if mining is proper or not. If the budget sanctioned for this is used or not? People from those areas did not reach for Public Hearing. Advertisement is of 1 month before. When contacted on mobile phone, they said they did not receive notice. I reminded people & told to come here. I think that Public Hearing should have been taken in respective Gram Panchayats. At least Nayab Tahsildar, Tahsildar should have been here for Public Hearing so that they would have realized the trouble faced by people. Residents of Sukali, will tell them the truth. There is trouble of noise pollution. Behaviour of contractor is worst. Public Hearing should be taken at Taluka place. For this we will give application in writing. It could not be known exactly where EIA/EMP & Summary copies are kept at Collector Office. They should have displayed clear notice on the board about Public Hearing. Affected people should know & it should be in a manner which can be understood by the people.</p>	
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The Chairman of Public Hearing Panel & District Collector, Yavatmal called on the public present to come up with their questions/ objections/ suggestions if any. Nobody then raised any question /objection /suggestions.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.



(U. B. Bhadule)
Convener of the Public
Hearing Committee and
I/c. Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



(A. M. Kare)
Member of the Public
Hearing Committee and
Regional Officer, MPCB,
Chandrapur



(Anmol Yedge)
District Collector, Collector
Office, Yavatmal &
Chairman of the Public
Hearing Committee