

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 14 NOS. OF SAND BELTS IN THE AURANGABAD DISTRICT PARTICULARLY FROM SILLOD, VAIJAPUR PHULAMBRI AND PAITHAN TALUKAS:

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The public hearing for proposed 14 Nos. of sand belts in the Aurangabad District particularly from Sillod (Bhavan, Kerhala, Chinchkheda, Dhanora, Modha Khurd, Kotnandra, Sisarkheda), Vaijapur (Avvalgaon, Jalgaon, Babhulgaon Ganga, Bhalgaon) , Phulambri (Wanegaon Kh. Bk. 2) and Paithan (Hiradpuri, Gharegaon) Tahsils proposed by the District Mining Officer, Aurangabad, Collector Office, Aurangabad, Maharashtra, was conducted under the Chairmanship of the Addl. District Collector, Aurangabad on 26th November, 2021 at 11.00 a.m. at the Collector Office, Aurangabad.

Hon'ble District Collector, Aurangabad approved the date of public hearing on Friday, the 26th November, 2021 and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 106 of 2021 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 211103 FTS- 0125, dated 03.11. 2021 and Hon. Collector Aurangabad has appointed Additional District Collector as a Chairmen vide letter no. 721 dated 25.11.2021 for the said public hearing: -
Following Panel Members were present during the public hearing:

- 1) **Dr. A. B. Gavane,**
Additional District Collector, Aurangabad
District Aurangabad. : **Chairman**

- 2) **Dr. P. M. Joshi,**
Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad. : **Member**

- 3) **Shri. P. D. Wankhede**
Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad. : **Convener**

Mr. P. D. Wankhede, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel Dr. Anant Gavane, Officials, Dr P. M. Joshi, Member, Public Hearing Panel, public representatives, Gramsevaks, Talathi, Sarpanch and public who were present and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee he gave information in brief about the said proposed 14 Nos. of sand belts in the Aurangabad District particularly from Sillod, Vaijapur, Phulambri and Paithan Talukas proposed by the District Mining Officer, Aurangabad, Collector Office, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

He further 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 hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification. The District Mining Officer, Aurangabad has submitted application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 18.10.2021 for conducting the public hearing for proposed 14 Nos. of sand belts in the Aurangabad District particularly from Sillod (Bhavan, Kerhala, Chinchkheda, Dhanora, Modha Khurd, Kotnandra, Sisarkheda), Vaijapur (Avvalgaon, Jalgaon, Babhulgaon Ganga, Bhalgaon), Phulambri (Wanegaon Kh. Bk. 2) and Paithan (Hiradpuri, Gharegaon) Tahsils proposed by the District Mining Officer, Aurangabad, Collector Office, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

The Convener further informed that, the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the mining activity to be carried out in the proposed 14 Nos. of sand belts in the Aurangabad District particularly from Sillod (Bhavan, Kerhala, Chinchkheda, Dhanora, Modha Khurd, Kotnandra, Sisarkheda), Vaijapur (Avvalgaon, Jalgaon, Babhulgaon Ganga, Bhalgaon), Phulambri (Wanegaon Kh. Bk. 2) and Paithan (Hiradpuri, Gharegaon) Tahsils proposed by the District Mining Officer, Aurangabad, Collector Office, Aurangabad, Maharashtra and environment management plan for the said activity.

As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in "Daily Sakal" for Marathi and in national newspaper "The Times of

India” for English on 26th October 2021. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summary was made available at various offices of Government i.e.

- 1) Hon'ble District Collector, Aurangabad.
- 2) District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Aurangabad.
- 3) District Industries Centre, Aurangabad.
- 4) Zilla Parishad, Aurangabad.
- 5) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Sillod/ Vaijapur/ Phulambri/ Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad.
- 6) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samittiee, Sillod/Vaijapur/Phulambri/Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad.
- 7) Gram Panchayat office, Bhavan, Kerala, Chinchkheda, Dhanora, Moda Khurd, Katnandra, Sisarkheda, Tal. Sillod, Dist. Aurangabad.
- 8) Gram Panchayat office, Avvalgaon, Jalgaon, Babhulgaon Ganga, Bhalgaon, Tal. Vaijapur, Dist. Aurangabad
- 9) Gram Panchayat office, Wanegaon Kh. Bk. 2, Tal. Phulambri, Dist. Aurangabad.
- 10) Gram Panchayat office, Hiradpuri, Gharegaon, Tal. Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad.
- 11) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthan, Aurangabad.
- 12) The Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthan, Aurangabad.
- 13) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalptaru Point, 2nd, 3rd & 4th floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022.
- 14) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- 15) The Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Ground floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project.

The Convener further informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Aurangabad has not received any complaints on the email mentioned in the advertisement. He informed the participant of the hearing to give their suggestions or objections if any?

The Convener further informed that the suggestions and objections raised during the hearing will be incorporated in the minutes of the hearing.

He appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow the Environment Consultant for giving the presentation & the Chairman directed to give the presentation in this matter.

The Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Aurangabad and Member of the Public Hearing Panel suggested to the Environment Consultant to give the complete presentation in Marathi regarding Environment Management Plan. In response to this, the Environment Consultant has given the presentation of the project and Environment Management Plan in detail in Marathi. i.e. Environmental Clearance is sought for 14 sand belts located in Sillod (Bhavan, Kerhala, Chinchkheda, Dhanora, Modha Khurd, Kotnandra, Sisarkheda), Vaijapur (Avvalgaon, Jalgaon, Babhulgaon Ganga, Bhalgaon) , Phulambri (Wanegaon Kh. Bk. 2) and Paithan (Hiradpuri, Gharegaon) Tahsils in Aurangabad District. The said information is recorded in the CD and in the minutes of the hearing. The Notice for the said public hearing was published in the "Daily Sakal" in Marathi and in the "Times of India" in English. As per Govt. of Maharashtra letter No. Sankirn – 2019 / p.k. 01 / Ta.K.3 dated Dec. 3, 2019, Public Hearing has to be conducted for mines Less than 5 hectares.

The District Collector Office, Aurangabad has appointed M/s. Enviro Techno Consultant Limited, 68, Mahakali Nagar-2, Near Manewada Chowk, Nagpur – 440024. Pvt. Ltd., for obtaining environmental clearance for the 14 sand belts in Aurangabad District Sillod (Bhavan, Kerhala, Chinchkheda, Dhanora, Modha Khurd, Kotnandra, Sisarkheda), Vaijapur (Avvalgaon, Jalgaon, Babhulgaon Ganga, Bhalgaon) , Phulambri (Wanegaon Kh. Bk. 2) and Paithan (Hiradpuri, Gharegaon) . Dr. Ashish Shukla, and Dr. Prashit Shukla, M/s. Enviro Techno Consultant Limited, Nagpur remain present on site for the said public hearing.

In the said mining opencast manual method without drilling and blasting will be adopted. Only manual tools will be used. The excavation of sand will be done from dry riverbed only. For control of air pollution periodic water sprinkling will be done on kaccha roads, which will be used for sand transport. Only the vehicles having valid PUC will be allowed for transportation of sand. The mining will be carried out during the valid period only and same will be cross checked by the concerned authorities. The occupational health surveillance programme for workers is undertaken periodically. The first aid facility will be made at the proposed mining site.

The Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad & Member of the Public Hearing Panel advised to use the vehicles which are not older than 15 years. The Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad & Member of the Public Hearing Panel advised that the expenditure on CSRF may be incurred by the profit earning agency.

The proposed project will provide indirect employment opportunities to residents. Due care will be taken for protection of the environment.

After completion of the presentation, the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel Dr. Anant Gavane, appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any so as to enable to take the note of the same in the proceedings. Further, he appealed to the participants to inform name, address before raising any suggestions, views, comments etc., if any

The details of the sand belt were announced and participants present in the concerned Tahsil Office / B.D.O.office / Grampanchayat offices etc., and concerned Tahsildar were also directed to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any

1. **Tq. Sillod :**

Sr. No.	Name of the Sand belt	Area (Hector)	Available sand storage (Brass)
1	Bhavan Gat No. 200, 201, 203, 206, 207, 208, 221, 222, 231, 232, 233, 234, 237, 190	1.20	4240
2	Kerhala Gat No. 554, 555, 556, 557, 568, 569, 572, 574, 575	1.02	3604
3	Chinchkheda Gat No. 21, 22, 34, 35, 36	1.00	2473
4	Dhanora Gat No. 54/1, 54/2, 60/1, 60/2, 61/2, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 71	1.20	5088
5	Mondha Khu Gat No. 62, 63, 68, 70, 71, 72	1.20	2120
6	Kontnandra Gat No. 138, 140, 142, 143	1.04	3192
7	Sisarkheda Gat No. 100, 101, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115	1.05	3710

2. Tq. Vaijapur:

Sr. No.	Name of the Sand belt	Area (Hector)	Available sand storage (Brass)
1.	Avvalgaon Gat No. 136, 139, 140	1.0	3534
2	Jalgaon Gat No. 53, 54, 55, 57, 59, 75	1.0	3533
3	Bhabhulgaon Ganga Gat No. 140, 141, 142, 143, 147, 148	4.50	31802
4	Bhalgaon Gat No. 26, 23, 09, 01	1.05	3710

3. Tq. Phulmabri:

Sr. No.	Name of the Sand belt	Area (Hector)	Available sand storage (Brass)
1.	Vanegaon Khu, Bu. Gat No. 18, 19, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184	1.60	3958

4. Tq. Paithan:

Sr. No.	Name of the Sand belt	Area (Hector)	Available sand storage (Brass)
1.	Hiradpuri Gat No. 191, 192	4.90	25106
2.	Gharegaon Gat No. 2, 4, 111, 112, 115	1.05	2968

After completion of the announcement of the sand belts as above, the Convener of the Public Hearing Panel appealed to the concerned Govt. Officers and participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? The Convener of the Public Hearing Panel directed to the participants of the public hearing to ask only Environment related doubts, complaints etc... also, inform their name, design. & address etc., for identification along with the comments / recommendations.

Sr. No.	Name, Design. and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent / Consultant / MPCB Official etc.,
01.	<p>Mr. Santosh Dadasaheb Bhangale, Sarpanch, Bhabhulgaon Ganga</p> <p>a) Road are not good? Damages of road occurred due to the movement of vehicles during sand transportation?</p> <p>b) Labours are in large quantity hence possibility of spraying of COVID is there?</p>	<p>a) Hon. Chairman of the public hearing replied that there is provision of the budget for the villages where sand ghats are sanctioned. Village has to decide to utilize this fund. Hon Chairman replied that the guidelines of COVID-19 will strictly followed on sand ghats i.e., use of mask, sanitizer and vaccinated workers are allowed only.</p>
02.	<p>Datta Kudke, Kerhala Sillod.</p> <p>a) Provisions of roads should there up to sand ghats. There is no benefits to the village due to sand mining ghats?</p> <p>b) How much percentage amount of auction decide to hand over village please inform?</p>	<p>a) Hon. Chariman replied that Village should response to the auction of sand mining ghats. If auction happens certain percentage amount of auction value will hand over to the village which will help for doing some work.</p> <p>b) DMO, Aurangabad informed that as per sand policy appropriate amount will be given to the Village as below:</p> <p>i) Auction price up to 1Cr – 25% of auction.</p> <p>ii) Auction price from 1 Cr to 2 Cr. – 20 % or maximum 25 lakhs.</p> <p>iii) Auction price from 2 Cr to 5 Cr – 15% Or maximum 40 lakhs.</p> <p>iv) Action price more that 5 Cr – 10% or 60 lakhs.</p> <p>Hon. Chariman has briefed about auction of sand mining ghats and informed that if amount of auction is more accordingly benefits to the village is also more and so as Government also.</p>

	<p>c) If successful auction does not take place of sand ghat then what will be the solution?</p> <p>d) Illegal sand excavation happens if sand not auctioned? In my village since few years auction was not successful and continuous illegal sand excavation happened?</p> <p>e) He also requested that sand auction of his village should take place.</p>	<p>c) Project consultant Dr. Shukla replied that if auction is not done as per the price decided by Government then as per the sand policy 3 rounds auction will be conducted and still no bidder available then on 4th round upset price will be reduced by 25%.</p> <p>d) Hon Chairman replied that there is a provision of Gram Dakshata Sammittee and said Sammittee shall take action on such issues at ground level and highlight to the Govt. Authority. He also mentioned that villagers can also participate in auction and if auction happens certain budget will be allotted to the village/Gram Panchayat.</p> <p>e) District Mining Officer, Aurangabad has again given brief details of sand ghats auction price and benefits of auction. Hon. Chairman again described the procedure of auction and there by the advantages and disadvantages of auction.</p>
03.	<p>Mr. Gorakh Morke</p> <p>a) Raised the issue of illegal sand excavation?</p>	<p>a) Hon. Chairman has requested to issue letter to the concern Police Patil regarding illegal sand excavation.</p>

04	<p>Mr. Sudhakar Bhalerao, Aadgaon</p> <p>a) Suggested that there should be limitation on overloaded vehicles due to which accident and road damage will be controlled.</p>	<p>a) Project consultant Dr. Shukla replied upon this and mentioned that only tractors are allowed having capacity 1 Brass. Water sprinkling arrangements are compulsory to each sand ghats to avoid secondary fugitive emissions. Also tree plantation are carry out on road side and on sang ghat area. CCTV cameras are installed on sang ghats to control the illegal sand excavation.</p>
05	<p>Jagganath Kakde, Dhanora.</p> <p>a) Wells are located in Purna River, Tal. Sillod. At how much distance sand excavation are allowed from such wells.</p> <p>b) How to control Illegal sand excavation?</p>	<p>a) Project Proponent Dr. Shukla replied upon this and mentioned that as per sand policy 100-meter distance shall be there between Govt. water supply wells and sand excavation. At the time of initial inspection of sand ghats GSDA officers are member of Technical Committee to address this issue.</p> <p>b) PP replied that people should raised such complaints to the District Monitoring Committee. Color code will be given to the authorized trolleys. Also CCTV footage will help to control the illegal sand excavation. Hon. chairman informed that transit passes/coupons will be given to the every authorized vehicle. If vehicle has not having such passes/coupons such</p>

		vehicles are not allowed to carry out transportation of sand. There will be ETS (electronic total station) measurement before and after completion of sand ghat.
06	Mr. Sopan Thore, Gharegaon a) Is there any record maintain about the staus of sand ghats before and after sand excavation? b) Can Gramp Panchyat participate in sand auction?	a) Hon chariman replied upon that once auction finalized to any successful bidder before handover of sand ghats measurement with videography and then only handed over of sand ghats as per policy. b) Any body can participate in auction.
07	Shrikant Mhaske, Vaijapur a) Asked about the procedure of auction and auction amount?	a) DMO replied upon this that successful bidder should pay the ¼ percent amount of total auction to the Government to participate in auction. And remaining ¾ amount of total auction shall pay after successful bidding within a month.

The Regional Officer, MPCB Aurangabad and Member of the Public Hearing Panel informed that, around 1 ½ hours health discussion happened and participants/villagers have asked good questions and authority has given the appropriate fruitful reply/information upon this. Hon. Chairman and District Mining Officer has given brief information about the procedure of auction and steps taken and to be taken to control the illegal sand excavation.

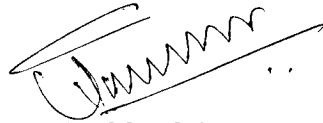
The Convener of the Public Hearing Panel again appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? but nobody has raised any point.

The Convener of the Public Hearing Panel summarized the public hearing in brief. The information given by the Technical Consultant in the power point presentation, questions raised in the public hearing and the reply given thereof etc., all these points will be incorporated in the minutes of the public hearing and same will be submitted to the Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai, for further line of action. Also, the videos, photographs, attendance sheet etc., will also be submitted along with the minutes.

The Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel concluded the said hearing and informed that, the suggestions / complaints / objections etc., raised by the villagers are noted. The questions raised in the said public hearing and replied by the Technical Consultant will be incorporated in the minute of the public hearing.

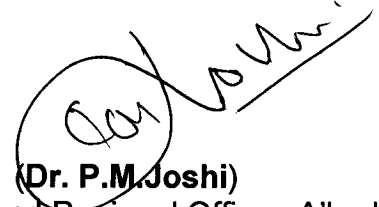
At last Dr. R. G. Auti, Field Officer, MPCB express the vote of thanks of all the panel and management committee of the proposed project and villagers and officials.

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



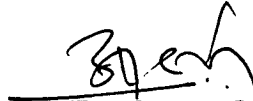
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