

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED
16 NOS OF SAND BELTS DREDGING IN SATARA DISTRICT OF
PROJECT PROPONENT DISTRICT MINING OFFICER, DISTRICT
COLLECTOR OFFICE, SATARA, MAHARASHTRA**

The Environment Public Hearing for proposed 16 nos of Sand Belts Dredging in Satara District of Project Proponent District Mining Officer, District Collector Office, Tal - Satara, Dist - Satara, Maharashtra was held on Monday, 21st March, 2022 on 11.00 a.m. at Niyojan Bhavan, District Collector Office, Satara. The 16 nos of sand belts are as follows :

1)	Gut No.1092, At Post-Jinti Sand Spot, Tal - Phaltan;
2)	Gut No.766, 775, 774, 772, 771, 770,769,768,767,765,680,681,682,684, 688, 690,691, 613,710, 711 and 713, At Post-Tadavale Sammat, Sand Spot, Tal-Koregaon;
3)	Gut No.440,430 and 432, At Post -Kawadewadi Sand Spot, Tal-Koregaon;
4)	Gut No.444,442,446,453 to 455, 479,480,482 and 481A, At Post -Pimpode Khurd Sand Ghat, Tal-Koregaon;
5)	Gut NO.1213, 415/1/2, 413, 418 to 420,425, 428, 1851, 1852, 1854, 1855/2, 1861 and 1868, At Post Kale Sand Spot, Tal-Karad;
6)	Gut No.38, At Post-Khalkarwadi Sand Spot -2, Tal-Karad;
7)	Gut No.1740 to 1755, At Post - Wathar Sand Spot - 2, Tal - Karad;
8)	Gut No.105, 106, 90, At Post-Khalkarwadi Sand Spot-1, Tal -Karad;
9)	Gut No.242 to 257, At Post-Shirtav Sand Spot-1,Tal-Man;
10)	Gut No.419, 420, 524, 525 and 526, At Post-Bidal Sand Spot-2, Tal-Man;
11)	Gut No.182, 156, 157 & 158,At Post-Bidal Sand Spot-6, Tal-Man;
12)	Gut No.275,109,110,111,At Post-Bidal Sand Spot-4,Tal-Man;
13)	Gut No.280 to 286, At Post-Bidal Sand Spot-3, Tal-Man;
14)	Gut No.1259,1413,1396,1397,1402 and 1403, At Post - Palashi Sand Spot-2, Tal-Man;
15)	Gut No.1684, 1683, 1526 and 1428 to 1483, At Post -Wathar Sand Spot-3, Tal-Karad;
16)	Gut No.1353, 1364, 1366, 1296, 1282 and 1297, At Post - Palashi Sand Spot-1, Man Dist-Satara;

District Collector, Satara vide letter dated 18/02/2022 approved the date of public hearing on Monday, the 21st January, 2022 and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, Gol), 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- 21 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 220303 -FTS-0232, dated 03-03-2022 as under:-

1) District Magistrate-Satara
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate

Chairman

2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board -
Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune

Member

3) Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Satara

Convener

Shri L.S. Bhad, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Satara and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Sunil Thorve, Additional District Magistrate, Satara and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Shankar L. Waghmare, Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, 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 welcomed all and informed that the meeting is called in the prevailing situation of Corona and Omicron pandemic. Hence, it is requested all the participants to follow strict guidelines as issued by Govt. of India and Govt. of Maharashtra from time to time. As per the guidelines, only 100 persons/participants are allowed in a session. If the participants are more, then remaining will be allowed in next session. The sessions will continue till all the participants are given opportunity to attend the meeting. The thermal checking and use of sanitizer is kept at the entrance of the pandol and now it is compulsory to wear a mask and follow the social distancing amongst the persons in the meeting hall.

Convener said that as per Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi's Notification no. 1533, dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended dated 1st December, 2009 and as well as letter from Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, Secondary/Minor Mineral (sand group) is included in B-1 category on 3-12-2019. Hence, for such projects, it is mandatory to get Environmental permission from the Government of Maharashtra, for which it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing on environmental issues.

Shri Bhad, Convener informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has received an application from the Project Proponent District Mining Officer, District Collector's Office, Taluka-Satara, District-Satara, Maharashtra to hold an Environmental Public Hearing on the proposed dredging of 16 nos of sand belt in Satara district.

Convener 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 proposed project.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara in the local newspaper in Daily Sakal for Marathi and in national newspaper daily Indian Express for English on 19th February, 2022. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed unit.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001; District Collector Office, Satara; Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Satara; General Manager, District Industries Centre Office, Satara; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Karad, Dist-Satara; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Phaltan, Dist-Satara; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Koregaon, Dist-Satara; Tahsildar, Tahsil Office-Dahivadi (Man), Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat Office -At Post-Jinti, Tal-Phaltan, Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat Office-At Post -Tadawale Sammat, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat Office- At Post – Kawade Wadi, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat Office-At Post – Pimpode Khurd, Tal-Koregaon, Dist-Satara; Gram Panchayat Office – At Post – Kale, Tal-Karad, Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat

Office-At Post-Khalkarwadi, Tal-Karad, Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat Office-At Post – Shirtav, Tal-Man, Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat Office-At Post-Bidal, Tal-Man, Dist-Satara; Grampanchayat Office-At Post – Palashi, Tal-Man, Dist-Satara; Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai; Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board; Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Pune; Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Satara; and on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the proposed 16 sand belts dredging project.

Convener informed that one writing complaint from Shri Sunil Khade and the respective Gut is received by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara on 17th March, 2022.

Convener informed that participants can raise their views, suggestions/objections for the proposed project in environmental angle only orally as well as in writing also. It will be noted minutes of the meeting. Also, the video recording of this meeting will be forwarded as it is to Govt. of Maharashtra.

Convener appealed all the participants to raise any suggestions, objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle only orally or in writing also after the presentation.

The **Environmental Consultant** of the Project Proponent while giving information about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) informed that the respective Gram Panchayat Offices have issued No Objection Certificate for the excavation of these 16 sand groups and the dredging will be carried within the period fixed by the State Environment Committee. Similarly, excavation will not be carried during the monsoon period i.e. from 10th June to 30th September. The mining plan of this project has been approved by the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Nagpur.

After the Presentation, Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise any suggestion or objection. While raising the question, the questioner should inform full name and address.

Following persons have taken part in the discussions and the answers given by Project Environment Consultant/Project Proponent/ Environment Public Hearing Committee:-

1) Shri Tanaji Anantrao Khalkar, Residence – At Post – Khalkarwadi, Tal – Karad, Dist – Satara :-

Shri Tanaji Khalkar informed that after sand dredging and loading it in trucks, while transporting the private farmers do not allow to transport sand from their private farms. They oppose to transport from their fields, so the dispute goes to the Police Station. Hence, whether any alternate arrangement can be made to avoid disputes?

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee, opined that the objection is administrative and not environmental. However, you can lodge a written complaint at the local level or with the District Mining Officer.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee requested Member to talk few words.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed all the participants to raise any views, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed Sand Dredging Project. He appealed that if there are government officials, they can also raise suggestions or objections. There was no response from the participants.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed in the meeting said that those who desires to give their suggestions, objections in writing, they can submit it at Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara or District Collector Office, Satara.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee opined that if survey may have been conducted by the Environmental Consultant while preparing the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), if the air quality and water quality observed at that time had been properly given in the presentation along with figures, it would have been known better to the participants/local people. The local people would have known about the present quality and the quality after the execution of the project/dredging. However, Environmental Consultants are directed to collect data on Ambient Air Quality and water source quality prior to sand mining.

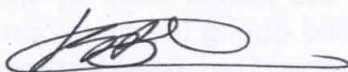
Member said that Data on Ambient Air Quality and Water Resources Quality should be collected even after sand dredging to know whether the proposed sand dredging has any effect on the environment or whether there is any fact in it.

Member further said that all the records related to the trees and their details should be properly maintained by the concerned Competent Authority.

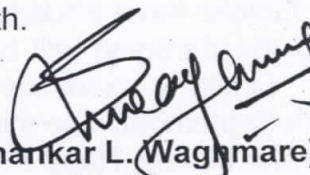
Convener with the permission of Chairman declared that the Environment Public Hearing is concluded.

The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

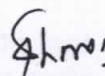
The one (1) suggestion/objection is enclosed herewith.



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