

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 35 NOS OF SAND BELTS DREDGING IN YAVATMAL DISTRICT OF PROJECT PROPONENT DISTRICT MINING OFFICER, DISTRICT COLLECTOR OFFICE, TALUKA & DISTRICT-YAWATMAL, MAHARASHTRA

The Environment Public Hearing for proposed 35 nos. of Sand Belts Dredging in Yavatmal District of Project Proponent District Mining Officer, District Collector Office, Taluka & District - Yavatmal, Maharashtra was conducted on Monday, the 14th November, 2022 on 12.30 PM at Bachat Bhavan, (Baliraja Chetana Bhavan) District Collector Office, Yavatmal. The 35 nos of sand belts are as follows:-

Sakur (1.05 Ha), Taluka-Babhulgaon, Bhaiyapur (1.95 Ha), Watkhed Khurd (1.05 Ha), Soujana (1.57 Ha), Taluka - Kalamb, Aurangapur (1.35 Ha), Satefal (1.25 Ha), Taluka-Aarni, Sakur - 1 (1.05 Ha), Sakur - 2 (1.00 Ha), Kavatha Bu - (1.93 Ha.), Ranidhanora - 1 (2.45 Ha), Ranidhanora - 2 (2.40 Ha), Jalandri (1.86 Ha), Aatata (1.50 Ha), Taluka - Darva, Karmala (1.20 Ha), Savangi (1.13 Ha), Taluka - Digras, Loni Mendi (1.02 Ha), Savanga Khurd (1.13 Ha), Taluka - Ralegaon, Dharmapur (2.40 Ha), Taluka - Ghatanji, Ratnapur (1.20 Ha), Dangar gaon (1.24 Ha), Koli BK, (1.05 Ha), Taluka - Umarkhed, Chalgadi (1.00 Ha), Gurfali (1.13 Ha), Savaleshwar - 1 (1.00 Ha), Nandala (1.00 Ha), Dharchatari (1.30 Ha), Taluka - Mahagaon, Januna (1.00 Ha), Bhosa (1.05 Ha), Taluka - Wani, Bhurki - 2 (4.50 Ha), Savangi (1.25 Ha), Kolgaon (2.10 Ha), Sakhara (2.70 Ha), Borgaon Aheri (2.00 Ha), Taluka-Maregaon, Kosara (1.25 Ha), Taluka - Zari Zamani, Hirapur (1.50 Ha).

District Collector, Yavatmal has sanctioned to conduct Environment Public Hearing physically as well as by online on Monday, 14th November, 2022 on 12.30 PM at Bachat Bhavan, (Baliraja Chetana Bhavan) District Collector Office, Yavatmal 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- 81 of 2022 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-221019-FTS-0082, dated 19/10/2022 as under:-

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

Chairman

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

Member

3) Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Chandrapur

Convener

Shri Atul Sathale, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Amol Yedge, IAS, District Magistrate, Yavatmal and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and informed the proceedings of the public hearing.

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 directives from Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, Secondary/Minor Mineral (sand group) is included in B-1 category on 03-12-2019. 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 consultation on environmental issues.

Shri Sathale, Convener informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of an application from the Project Proponent District Mining Officer, District Collector's Office, Taluka and District Yavatmal, Maharashtra to hold an Environmental Public Hearing on the proposed dredging of 35 number of sand belt in Yavatmal District vide their letter dtd. 30/09/2022.

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 (EMP) of the proposed project.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur in the local newspaper in Daily Lokmat for Marathi and in national newspaper daily Times of India for English on 11/10/2022. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various notified offices of Government as under:-

- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Zonal Office, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Line, Nagpur-440 001;

- 2) Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 032;
- 3) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema Hall, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022;
- 4) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Rly. Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 5) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Rly. Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 6) District Collector Office, Yavatmal;
- 7) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal;
- 8) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Yavatmal;
- 9) All Sub Divisional Officers, Sub Divisional Offices, Tal. & Dist. Yavatmal.
- 10) Chief Officer of all Nagar Panchayats of Yavatmal District.
- 11) All Tahsildars of all Tahsil Office of Yavatmal District.
- 12) All 35 concerned Gram Panchayat Offices of Yavatmal District.
- 13) District Mining Officer, Mining Department, District Collector Office, Taluka & District - Yavatmal;
- 14) Website of MPCB, Mumbai

Convener informed all the participants that they have been given an opportunity to raise any environmental objections, suggestions regarding the proposed project and they can raise it after the presentation in written or oral form.

Environmental Consultant of the Project Proponent while giving information about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) said that the concerned Gram Panchayat offices have already issued "No Objection Certificate" for the excavation of the said 32 sandy ghats and the excavation will be done only for the period decided by the State Environment Committee.

Similarly, during the monsoon period i.e. from 10th June to 30th September, excavation will not be carried out. The mining plan for the said project has been approved by the Directorate of Geology & Mines, Govt. of India, Nagpur.

After the Presentation, Convener of Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to raise their objections, suggestions, if any. While asking question, instructed to state full name and address.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to raise their objections, suggestions, if any.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to Government officials also to raise their views, suggestions or objections. There was not response from the participants.


Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee again appealed all the participants to raise their views, suggestions and objections if any regarding the proposed project. Participants collectively supported the project.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee here said that though the participants have not raised any objections regarding the proposed project, but if anybody desires to submit any suggestions, objections in writing, it can be submitted today i.e. 14th November, 2022 upto 03.00 p.m at District Collector Office, Yavatmal. Not a single objection is received by the District Collector Office, Yavatmal.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the minutes of the meeting will be prepared and submitted alongwith Final EIA to Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai. An Expert Committee there will take further decision.

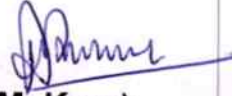
Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee on behalf of the Chairman declared that the meeting is concluded.

Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



(Atul Saffale)

Convener, Environment
Public Hearing Committee
& Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



(A. M. Kare)

Member, Environment
Public Hearing Committee
& Regional Officer, MPCB,
Chandrapur



(Amol Yedge, IAS)

Chairman, Environment
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