

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF 14 SAND GHATS IN  
WARDHA DISTRICT DATED 12.10.2022.**

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As per Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India Notification dated 14.09.2006 amended notification dated 1.12.2009. District Mining Office, Collector Office, Wardha have requested Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to conduct Environmental Public Hearing for 14 Sand Ghats on River Wardha, Vena & Dham in Wardha District at **Arvi Taluka**, Salfal (2.10 Ha.), Partoda-1 (1.0 Ha.), **Hinganghat Taluka** Chikmoh (3.60 Ha.), Tembha (1.40 Ha.), Yeli (2.18 Ha.), Nandra (Rith) (1.40 Ha.), Ajansara (1.05 Ha.), Sawangi (Rith) (1.05 Ha.), Dorla (1.05 Ha.), Dhochi (1.16 Ha.), Kuran (Rith) (1.08 Ha.), Dhiwri-Pipri (3.0 Ha.), Sati (1.0 Ha.), **Samudrapur Taluka**, Mandgaon-4 (1.06 Ha.). Received proposal from project proponent dtd. 13.12.2021 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing.

As per proposal, the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of 14 Sand Ghats in Wardha District under the Chairperson Smt.Archana More, Residential District Collector & Additional District Magistrate, Wardha conducted on 12.10.2022. Shri. Ashok Kare, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was the member of the public hearing panel, attended hearing through online mode and Shri. Anand Katole, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-2 act as a convener. The Public Hearing started at 12.00 noon with the permission of the Chairperson of the Public Hearing Panel. The public hearing is conducted through online mode also by using webex platform. Attendance of the People present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

**BACKGROUND :**

District Collector, Wardha intends to auction sand ghats and appointed District Mining Officer, Wardha as project proponent as per sand mining guidelines dated 28.01.2022. Total 14 sand ghats are identified by Taluka Level Technical Committee chaired by Tahsildar and Dy. Engineer, Irrigation, Junior Geologist, Directorate of Geology and Mining, Junior Geologist G.S.D.A., representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board for scooping of sand by manual method.

**PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:**

With the permission of Chairperson of Public Hearing, the Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-2 has started Public Hearing by welcoming the Chairperson and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens from the village and others.

The Chairperson of Public Hearing Panel informed that the Public Hearing is conducted for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project, and same will be communicated to the Government. It is also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision for accordance of any approval to the project and appealed the participants to express their views and suggestion.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-2 explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing that as per MoEF, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27<sup>th</sup> January, 1994 and amended on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006. The notices for the public hearing was published in two local widely circulated news papers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Navrashtra' (Marathi) on 09.09.2022. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-II**. Copies of the executive summary both in English and in Marathi and other information/documents were made available to the public by making these documents available in various Govt. offices as well as local Gram Panchayat as per MoEF GOI Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing till before the date of Public Hearing from the publication of the notice. This office has received one email regarding suggestions about sand mining. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order E-70/2022 No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-220920FTS0232 dtd. 20.09.2022. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-III**.

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-2 and Convener requested the project proponent to give their detail presentation about the project and the Environmental issues related with it. Accordingly representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in local language as under:

He has given information regarding project undertake by 14 Sand Ghats in Wardha District. He further explained regarding project location, project area, sand availability and its benefits to manage the flow of river and flood control.

#### **PROCEEDINGS:-**

#### **FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC HEARING AND RAISED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS. THE DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW;**

##### **1) Shri. Rahul Daulatkar, Gopapur, Tah-Hinganghat, Dist-Wardha.**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objections/Suggestion/Question</b>	<b>Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.</b>
1	The road within the local Grampanchayat should be improved.	Transportation road will be up-graded.

##### **2) Shri. Rahul Tapsal, Dist-Wardha.**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objections/Suggestion/Question</b>	<b>Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.</b>
1	Transporters should install GPS system.	Installation of GPS system is mandatory to all the vehicles.

##### **3) Shri. Hiran Jadhav, Mangaon, Dist-Wardha.**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Objections/Suggestion/Question</b>	<b>Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.</b>
1	Cameras should be installed at sand ghats.	Installation of Camera at the Sand Ghats is mandatory.

4) Shri. Gautam Kharde.

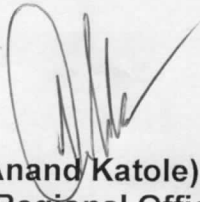
Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Water sprinkling should be done during the transportation to avoid dust generation.	Adequate water sprinkling will be carried out on transportation road to limit the dust.

5) Shri. Manoj Watane, Field Officer, MPCB

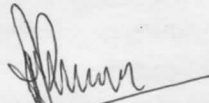
Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent / MPCB.
1	Whether replenishment study done or not. If, yes then explained the process.	Replenishment study conducted and its process explained as per the presentation.

**Residential District Collector & Additional District Magistrate, Wardha and Chairperson of Public Hearing Panel.**

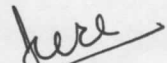
Smt. Archana More, Residential District Collector & Additional District Magistrate and Chairperson of public hearing panel, summarized the questions and queries raised by the people present for public hearing and replies given by project proponent and informed that the issues raised by the people noted in the proceeding of hearing and thanked all the participants. Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur extended vote of thanks to the present officials and public hearing concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.



(Anand Katole)  
Sub-Regional Officer,  
MPC Board, Nagpur-2 &  
Convener of the Public  
Hearing Panel



(Ashok Kare)  
Regional Officer,  
MPC Board, Nagpur &  
Member of the Public  
Hearing Panel



(Archana More)  
Residential District  
Collector & Additional  
District Magistrate and  
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