

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF 42 SAND GHATS IN
WARDHA DISTRICT DATED 26/06/2025.**

As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dtd. 14.09.2006 and amended Notification 01.12.2009 District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Wardha have requested Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to conduct Public Hearing for total 42 nos. of Sand Ghat in **Arvi Taluka** Salfal-2 (3.50 Ha.), Saykheda (2.40 Ha.), Dighi-Wadgaon-2 (1.50 Ha.), in **Deoli Taluka** Takli-Chana-1 (1.23 Ha.), Sonegaonbai-2 (1.20 Ha.), Tanbha-1 (4.0 Ha.), Tanbha-2 (1.25 Ha.), Hiwara-Ka-1 (1.50 Ha.), Babulgaon Bobde (1.05 Ha.), Nimgavhan (1.50 Ha.), Wagholi (1.75 Ha.), Aпти-1 (1.05 Ha.), Aпти-2 (1.12 Ha.), Sawangi-Yende (1.20 Ha.), in **Hinganghat Taluka** Chikmoh-2 (1.80 Ha.), Tembha-2 (1.20 Ha.), Nandra(Rith)-2 (1.40 Ha.), Sawangi(Rith)-2 (1.05 Ha.), Kuran(Rith)-2 (1.08 Ha.), Divri-Pipri-2 (3.0 Ha.), Sati-1 (1.0 Ha.), Dorla-2 (1.05 Ha.), Dhochi-2 (1.16 Ha.), Shekapurbai-2 (1.60 Ha.), Yeli-2 (2.45 Ha.), Sonegaon(Dh) (1.60 Ha.), Pardi-Nagji (1.0 Ha.), in **Samudrapur Taluka** Mandgaon-1 (2.50 Ha.), Mandgaon-4-Khuni (1.06 Ha.), Shivni-1 (1.05 Ha.), Seva-2 (1.68 Ha.), Mangaon (1.05 Ha.), Menkhat (1.23 Ha.), Waksur (1.50 Ha.), Karda (1.14 Ha.), in **Ashti Taluka** Tekoda (1.02 Ha.), Islampur (1.08 Ha.), Godavari (1.04 Ha.), Wagholi (1.06 Ha.), Antora (1.50 Ha.), Dalpatpur (1.25 Ha.), Chincholi (1.25 Ha.). Received proposal from project proponent dtd. 23/05/2025 for conducting Environmental Public Hearing.

As per proposal, the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of 42 Sand Ghats in Wardha District under the Chairperson Smt. Vanmathi C., IAS District Collector, Wardha conducted on 26/06/2025. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was the member of the public hearing panel and Shri. Kishor Pusadkar, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-2 act as a convener. The Public Hearing started at 11.00 am. with the permission of the Chairperson of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the People present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I**.

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 inform the Public Hearing is conducted for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project, and same is communicated to the Government. She 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-II explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing that as per MoEF, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended on 14th September, 2006. The notices for the public hearing was published in two local widely circulated news papers i.e. the 'Hitavada' (English) and 'Lokmat' (Marathi) on 23/05/2025. 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. The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order E-44 of 2025 No. BO/JD/(WPC)/PH/B-250530-FTS-0079 dtd. 30/05/2025. 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 42 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.

Method of Mining explain during presentation:-

1. Not allowed to remove soil/soil overburden and soil mining.
2. Sand mining should be carried out manually.
3. Allowed sand loading through labour and transportation through tractor only.
4. Period of scooping of sand will be for one year excluding monsoon period of 10th June to 30th September.
5. Tree cutting not allowed during sand mining.
6. Sand mining not allowed in polluted river stretch as per Hon'ble NGT directions.
7. To avoid overloading of sand make a provision of capacity marking.
8. Colour coded vehicle (Tractor) should be use for transportation of sand.

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

1) Shri. Manoj Watane, Field Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	Is sand transported covered with tarpaulin? How many sand-transporting vehicles were taken against their owners who did not cover their vehicles with tarpaulin?	GPS systems are installed on sand vehicles for transportation. Also, sand vehicles are inspected by the government and action is taken against the vehicle owners found guilty. So far, action has been taken against 217 vehicle owners.
2.	Are environmental management reports submitted by the tenderers and are they followed?	A condition has been included in this regard in the Environmental Executive Summary.

1) Shri. Ashwin Nagrare, Hiwra (Kawre), Dist-Wardha.

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1.	The main roads in the villages are damaged by heavy sand vehicles, causing inconvenience to school children, the elderly, and even farmers.	Point noted.

Smt.Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer and Member of Public Hearing Panel

He told the project promoter that the sand should be transported from outside the village, not from within it, so that the citizens do not suffer from dust. He also asked what the distance of the sand depot is from the population.

On this, the project proponent said that the transportation of sand will be done from outside the villages and through alternative routes. Also, the transportation of sand vehicles will be done directly from the sand ghat to the customer. There is no sand depot here.

District Collector Wardha & Chairperson of Public Hearing Panel.

Smt. Smt. Vanmathi C., District Collector & 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 requested participants to support the sand mining projects. Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur extended vote of thanks to the present public and public hearing concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair.



(Hema Deshpande)
Member of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur



(Kishor Pusadkar)
Convener of the Public Hearing Panel
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Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur-II.


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(Vanmathi C. IAS)
Chairperson of the Public Hearing Panel
and
District Collector, Wardha