Minutes of Public Hearing Panel in respect of proposed 20 nos. of Sand Mining Projects in the Amravati District proposed by District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Amravati Maharashtra dtd. 08/09/2025 at 1.00 Noon, at Bachat Bhavan, Collector Office, Amravati.

The District Mining Officer, Mining Department, Collector Office Amravati has submitted the application for conducting Environmental Public Hearing for obtaining Environmental Clearance in respect of 20 sand ghats in Amravati District. The said Public Hearing has been conducted as per the provisions made in the notification dtd. 14/09/2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Accordingly, the public hearing in respect of the sand mining projects has been conducted on 08/09/2025 at 1.00 Noon at Bachat Bhavan, District Collector Office, Amravati as per the provisions made in the office memorandum dtd. 09 June 2021 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Hon'ble Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has issued Office Order No. E-63 of 2025 vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-250821-FTS-0204, dtd. 21/08/2025 for constitution of Environmental Public Hearing Committee to conduct the said Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing has been conducted in presence of following members of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee.

- 1. Hon'ble Anil Bhatkar, Dy. District Magistrate, Amravati Chairman.
- 2. Shri S. D. Patil, Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati Member.
- 3. Smt. Dhanashree Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati-I Convenor.

The public notice for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing has been published in Daily "Lokmat" (Marathi) and Daily "Times of India" (English) on 08/08/2025. Accordingly, the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted on 08/09/2025 at 1.00 Noon at Bachat Bhavan, Collector Office, Amravati.

The Public Hearing was started with due permission of Hon'ble Chairman. On behalf of convenor Shri Jitendra Purate, Field Officer, Amravati-I welcomed the participants present in the Public Hearing. He further briefed about the requirement of conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project. He further stated that the District Mining Officer, Amravati has submitted Environment Management Plan, Executive Summary (English & Marathi) in respect of 20 sand ghats in Amravati District. The said documents were made available at following offices for the people residing in the project area / environmental groups in order to obtain suggestion / objections, if any, from the concerned.

- 1. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion(E), Mumbai-400022
- 2. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sahakar Surbhi Bapatwadi near Vivekanand Colony, Amravati 444606

3. Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sahakar Surbhi Bapatwadi near Vivekanand Colony, Amravati - 444606

4. Collector Office, Amravati,/ Zilha Parishad, Amravati/ District Industries

Center, Amravati.

5. Sub-Divisional Office (Revenue)- Morshi / Tiosa/ Bhatkuli/ Achalpur/ Dhamangaon Railway, Dist. Amravati.

6. Tahsil Office - Morshi / Tiosa/ Bhatkuli/ Achalpur/ Dhamangaon Railway,

Dist. Amravati.

7. Nagar Panchayat- Bhatkuli, Dist- Amravati.

8. Gram Panchayat Office –Rajurwadi Tq. Morshi, Dist. Amravati, Jawara (F)/Fattepur/ Bharwadi/ Umberkhed / Dhamantri, Tq. Tiosa, Dist. Amravati, Vathoda Shukleshwar/ Sonarkhed / Bhalsi /

9. Dhanagar Kheda/ Purnanagar, Tq. Bhatkuli, Dist. Amravati, Shahapur - Sawali (Bk)/ Yesurna - Nimbhari, Tq. Achalpur, Dist. Amravati, Borgaon Nistane/ Gokulsara/ Didhi Mahalle Tq. Dhamangaon Rly, Dist. Amravati.

With the permission of Chair Shri Jitendra Purate, Field Officer, Amravati-I briefed about the procedure of Public Hearing and requested the Project Proponent to give the presentation regarding sand ghat projects.

The representative from Enviro Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur (Environmental Consultant of the Project Proponent) gave the presentation regarding sand ghat projects.

Shri Jitendra Purate, Field Officer, Amravati-I stated that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has received one objection/suggestions in respect of the sand ghats by email. He appealed the participants to raise their suggestions /objections.

The Hon,ble Chairman suggested to raise any questions or suggestions to the people present.

Md. Naved Md. Hanif, resident of Daryapur, Taluka Daryapur asked whether only tractors are allowed to transport sand after sand is extracted from the river, why tipper is not allowed? In this regard, a representative of Enviro Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur said that as per the government policy, no other large vehicles except tractors are allowed to transport sand from riverbed.

Shri Devendra Bapat asked whether the said process is for sand depot or sand auction. In this regard, the representative of Enviro Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur said that this process is for sand auction.

With the permission of Hon'ble Chairperson the Public Hearing concluded with vote of thanks.

(Dhanashree Patil)

Convenor

&

Sub-Regional Officer,

(S. D. Patil) Member

&

Regional Officer,

(Anil Bhatkar)

Chairperman

Public Hearing Committee

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MPC Board Amravati-I MPC Board Amravati Upar District Magistrate, Amravati.