

MoM of Public Hearing in respect of Sand dredging activity (Reti Ghat) at 6 different locations in Kannad Tehsil of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District.

District Mining officer, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar submitted application along with EIA/EMP report to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, with request to conduct public hearing from Environmental angle for their Sand dredging activity (Reti Ghat) at 6 different locations in Kannad Tehsil of Chhatrapati Sambhaji nagar district as below

- a) Anajana River Reti Ghat- Takli Bud. Javkhed Kh./Jagkhed Bud., Sarola.
- b) Shivana River Reti Ghat- Borsar Bud./ Borsar Kh. and Shevta Kh.
- c) Purna River Reti Ghat- Digaonkhedi.,

As per provisions of EIA Notification dtd. 14.09.2006 published by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, It is necessary to conduct public hearing for proposed **Sand dredging activity (Reti Ghat)**. As per Board's Office Order No. E- 71 of 2025 vide letter dated 15-10-2025, the panel for public hearing was constituted & the following Panel members were present during the public hearing.

1. Mr. Santosh Gorad, Sub District Magistrate, Kannad	Chairman.
2. Shri Manish Holkar, Regional Officer, MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar	Member.
3. Shri Achyut Nandvate, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar.	Convener.

Shri. Achyut Nandvate, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public who are present. He gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment procedure with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee.

Shri. Achyut Nandvate, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar and Convener informed that, as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as

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amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification and this unit comes under the purview of this Notification.

The Project Proponent , District Mining officer, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar submitted application along with EIA/EMP report to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, with request to conduct public hearing from Environmental angle for their Sand dredging activity (Reti Ghat) at 4 different locations in Kannad Tehsil of Chhatrapati Sambhaji nagar district at Shivana River Reti Ghat- Rajura Undirwadi and Lakhani & Godavari River Reti Ghat- Awalgaon Nagmathan and Wanjargaon. The venue & date of Public hearing was finalized as 17.10.2025 at 10.30 AM & venue as Tehsil Karyalaya, Kannad with the approval of Hon'ble District Collector, Chh. Sambhajinagar. Accordingly, Public notice was published in Daily news paper Times of India (English) & Daily news paper Sakal (Marathi) on dated 15.09.2025 as per procedure laid down in EIA Notification 2006. The Environmental Impact Management plan Report (EMP Report) & executive summary documents of the project (in English and Marathi) were made available for study to concerned interested persons in the respective government offices as mentioned below -

- 1) District Collector office, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 2) Zilha Parishad office, Opp Amba Apsara Theatre, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 3) District Industries Centre, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 4) Tahsil Office, Kannad, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 5) Panchayat Samiti Office, Kannad, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 6) Grampanchayat Office, Takli Bud., Javkhed Kh./Jagkhed Bud., Sarola., Borsar Bud./ Borsar Kh., Shevta Kh., Digaonkhedi, Tal. Kannad, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
- 7) Regional Office / Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana ,Chh. Sambhajinagar
- 8) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd,3rd & 4th Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 9) Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

10) Regional Office, Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

It was submitted by Convenor of Public hearing that appeal was made in news paper to public, affected peoples of project to study project specifications in environmental angle & come forward with suggestions, objections & comments about the proposed project. The written say about project shall be submitted to Sub Regional Office, MPC Board till the date of public hearing & the same can be submitted in public hearing Or can be presented during the course of Hearing. The convener of Public hearing expressed that Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Chh. Sambhajinagar has received one representation from Lakhani Jambarkheda Grampanchayat about project till the date. Further he made appeal to public present for public hearing to come forward with their views, suggestions, objections about proposed project which will be video recorded as per procedure laid down. Further, proceeding of public hearing including your views, suggestions, objections along with video recording will be Submitted to Environment Department, Govt for Maharashtra for further decision which is their own discretion. He clarified that this public hearing is a platform to express your views, suggestions, objections only. The decision about grant of Environment clearance for the said project will be taken by Environment Department, Govt for Maharashtra.

Thereafter, Chairman of Public Hearing panel instructed project proponent to give a presentation on the proposed project. Accordingly Environmental Consultant , on behalf of Project Proponent gave Power Point Presentation indicating brief about project including locations, mode of sand dredging, traffic management, Road & infrastructure management, environmental measures like tree plantation, Noise & Air pollution control arrangement. It was presented that said sand dredging shall be carried out through tendering process & successful bidders will carry out mining as per rules framed by Govt of Maharashtra. The sand dredging shall be carried out under vigilance of District Environmental Committee headed by District Collector & members like Sub District Magistrate, Tehsildar, Representative from Irrigation Dept, Police & RTO Department. Any violations with respect to framed rules will be viewed accordingly by Committee under Chairmanship of District Magistrate. The public Hearing is being conducted as



per Circular issued by Ministry of Environment & Climate Change, Govt of Maharashtra vide letter dated 03/12/2019 & 04/05/2020.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Chairman of Public Hearing Committee informed that power point presentation is done by Project Proponent. Therefore He made appeal to public present for public hearing to come forward with their views, suggestions, objections about proposed project which will be video recorded as per procedure laid down. Further, proceeding of public hearing including your views, suggestions, objections along with video recording will be Submitted to Environment Department, Govt for Maharashtra

1. **Sarpanch of Sarala Gaon Shri Jagannath** told that the work of gharkul for weaker sections is being constructed in our area and there are various obstacles in obtaining sand for the construction of gharkul. We can provide place for sand storage depot and requested to make us available Sand for the construction of gharkuls for weaker section.

Environment consultant submitted that there is 10% sand reserved for construction of homes for weaker section and Gharkuls. We have to file online application for requisition of sand.

2. **Shri Digambar Sasundre** a villager told that there is illegal mining of science in Poorna river bed. Sand mining proposed in river bed Purna at survey number 2,3,4,5 which are adjacent to drinking water river so there maybe depletion of water table which need to be shifted to other location. There is more sand available near river bridge and where there is illegal mining which needs to be controlled by government.

District mining officer told that the locations of sand dredging are decided by technical committee consisting of representatives of GSDA, irrigation department Agriculture Department. The decision about sand Dredging points is taken by the technical committee as per their own discretion. Team of Tehsildar and local police will visit illegal mining activity and and stop illegal mining near bridge.

3. **Gram Panchayat officer Shri Ashok kale** told that we are constructing 202 gharkul with timeline of 100 days. Already 60 days help in passed and only 40 days are remaining to complete the target within stipulated time period. Therefore you are requested to make us available Sand for the construction.

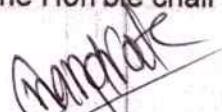
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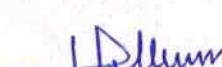
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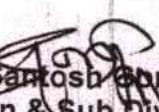
District mining officer told that no mining of sand will be carried out within 200 Mts from drinking water well and mining will not create adverse effect on ground water table.

Thereafter Hon'ble chairman informed that public hearing is conducted as per procedure laid down in EIA notification and minutes of public hearing will be submitted to environment department Government of Maharashtra for further necessary decision. Main time some of the participants request for minutes and videography of public hearing. It was told by convener of the public hearing that minutes of public hearing and videography will be made available to applicants under Right Of Information Act 2005. It was brought to the notice of president and member of public hearing panel that there is no any representations received to MPCB till the time of public hearing

Thereafter Chairman of public panel concluded that public hearing was conducted as per guideline issued by government of India and your question, suggestion and objections during public hearing will be taken on record. Accordingly convener public hearing panel concluded the meeting with vote of thanks to the Hon'ble chair


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