

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF
PROPOSED ONGC NHAVA SUPPLY BASE INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING
JETTY REVAMPING AT NHAVA, DISTRICT -RAIGAD, MAHARASHTRA BY
M/S OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION (ONGC)**

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of the proposed project "Upgradation of ONGC Nhava Supply Base Infrastructure Including Jetty Revamping at Nhava" District- Raigad, Maharashtra, proposed by Project Proponent M/s Oil and Natural Gas Exploration (ONGC) was held on Friday, the 12th June, 2026 at 03.00 pm at Siddhivinayak Banquet, Shelghar, Sector 16, Near RTISC, Kharkopar, Ulwe, Tal. Panvel - 410206, District-Raigad.

Shri Prashant Bhosale, Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-1, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai and Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri Sandesh Shirke, Additional District Magistrate, Raigad and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri Sanjay Bhosale, Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists, Representatives of media channels and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and sought permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee to start the proceedings.

Shri Yogesh Gore, Representative of Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of

India, (i.e. MoEF&CC,) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Representative of the Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make local residents aware of the proposed project, its developmental activities, and the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), and to provide them an opportunity to express their views and concerns about the proposed project.

He informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai received application dated 20.03.2026 from Project Proponent M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation to conduct an Environment Public Hearing in respect of proposed "Upgradation of ONGC Nhava Supply Base Infrastructure Including Jetty Revamping at Nhava District-Raigad, Maharashtra.

Convener further informed that as per EIA Notification No.1533 (E), Dated 14-09-2006 and Amended Notification, the proposed activities fall under Category "B1", which requires obtaining prior Environmental Clearance from Environment, Forest & Climate Change Ministry, Govt. of India, New Delhi, for which prior environmental consultation is mandatory.

Project Proponent has submitted an online application dated 07/08/2025 to obtain preliminary approval for the Terms of Reference (ToR) and to prepare the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report to the Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board, Maharashtra, and it is approved online on 30/10/2025.

Accordingly, Project Proponent has appointed an Environmental Consultant who has obtained NABET Approval as per the directives of the Government of India and has carried out the environmental assessment through the environmental consultant. A detailed environmental survey within a 10.0 km radius of the project site was carried from March 2025 to May 2025 (Pre-monsoon). A draft Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) report of the project site and Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) was prepared to study the possible impacts/impacts on the environment due to the proposed setting up of the project, and it was submitted to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 19.03.2026.

Sub-Regional Office, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai, requested District Collector, Raigad, vide letter dated 11.05.2026, to allow to conduct environmental public hearing regarding the proposed project.

Hon'ble District Collector, Raigad, Alibag, vide letter dated 15-04-2026, directed to conduct Physical Environment Public Hearing on Friday, the 12th June, 2026, at 3.00 noon. at Siddhivinayak Banquet, Shelghar, Sector 16, Near RTISC, Kharkopar, Ulwe, Tal. Panvel - 410206, District-Raigad.

After getting sanction from District Collector, Raigad, Alibag, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai as per the Notification No. S.O. 1533 dated 14-09-2006 and as per Amended Notification S.O. 3067 (E) Dated 01-12-2009 as issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF&CC, Gol), New Delhi has constituted Environment Public Hearing Committee vide Board's Office Order No. E- OS of 2026 under letter no. 1/260410- FIS- 0106 dated 08-01-2026 as under: -

1) District Magistrate-Raigad, Alibag - **Chairman**
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate

2) Representative of Maharashtra **Member**
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer - Raigad,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, CBD Belapur,
Navi Mumbai - 400 614

3) Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, - **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, CBD Belapur,
Navi Mumbai - 400 614

As per the notification, Sub-Regional Officer, Raigad-1, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai, published 30 days' advance public notice in the local newspapers Krushival (Marathi) and Indian Express (English) on Saturday, 9th May, 2026. Public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

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

1.	Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, West Central Zone, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440 001.
2.	Hon'ble District Collector, Collector Office, Raigad, Alibag;
3.	General Manager, District Industries Centre, Raigad, Alibag;
4.	Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Raigad, Alibag;
5.	Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office, Taluka-Panvel, District- Raigad;
6.	Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office, Taluka-Uran, District-Raigad;

7.	Sub Divisional Officer, Sub Divisional Office, Taluka-Khalapur, District- Raigad;
8.	Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Taluka-Panvel, District- Raigad;
9.	Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samiti, Taluka-Panvel, District- Raigad;
10.	Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Kalpataru point, 3rd & 4th floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai-22
11.	Director, Environment Department, & Climate Change Department Govt. of Maharas New Administrative Building, 15th floor, Madam Kama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
12.	Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Near Sion Circle, Sion [East], Mumbai - 400022;
13.	Regional Officer, Raigad, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Raigad Bhavan, 6th Floor, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614;
14.	Gram Panchayat Offices: Group Grampanchayat Nhave. Grampanchayat Office-Gavhan, Vahal, Ulwe

Hon'ble District Collector, Raigad, Alibag as per his letter dated 15.04.2026, has given permission to hold a environment public hearing on the environmental aspects of the proposed project on Friday, the 12th June, 2026 at 3.00 noon. at Siddhivinayak Banquet, Shelghar Sector 16, Near RTISC, Kharkopar, Ulwe, Tal. Panvel - 410206, District-Raigad.

As per the relevant order, Sub-Regional Officer, Raigad- 1, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Navi Mumbai, through a corrigendum, published a public hearing notice regarding the proposed project in the local newspapers Indian Express and Krishival in Marathi and in the local newspaper Indian Express in English on Saturday, 9th May, 2026, to inform the public.

Till date, Sub Regional Officer, Raigad-I, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai has received 03 suggestions/objections regarding the above project.

Convener asserted that this Environment Public Hearing Committee is only to register public opinions, suggestions, and objections on the environment, and this Committee does not have the power to approve, reject or recommend projects.

The suggestions/objections raised by the local people in the environment public hearing will be noted in the minutes of the meeting, and the minutes of the meeting will be prepared in Marathi and English. Similarly, video recordings of the meetings, videos, revised EIA report by Project Proponent, taking note of the suggestions and objections raised in the meeting, will be submitted along with minutes of the meeting after getting approval of the Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee through Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi. An Expert Committee will take further decisions in this regard. Convener requested Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee to direct Environmental Consultant to start the presentation.

Convener of the meeting further informed that as per the provisions of the Notification, the meeting is being photographed and video recorded, and after the presentation, the participants can raise their questions, suggestions, thoughts and objections. The Project Environmental Consultant or Project Proponent will answer the same. While asking questions, first inform your full name and residence village.

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As per the orders of the Hon. Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee, the Environmental Consultant of the project welcomed all the

participants and gave information about the project through a presentation of Environment Management Plan & other related aspects of the proposed project.

- Project Area, Latitude-Longitude, Map, Beneficiary Area, Forest Area, CRZ Status, Project; Features, Project Significance, Consequences, Land Use;
- Project objectives, social status, employment opportunities, due to the project;
- Project analysis, summary, findings;
- Analysis of social and economic status
- Information about air, water, land, sound, project affected areas etc.
- Impact and management of air, water, displacement, and biodiversity due to planned project;
- Information on environmental management after project implementation;
- Information on other environmental management

Environment Consultant, while giving a presentation, informed that Project Proponent M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has proposed the upgradation of the ONGC Nhava Supply Base Infrastructure, including jetty revamping at Nhava, District Raigad, Maharashtra.

Proposed project will improve rig movement, anchor handling, cargo & fuel supply, backload, and scrap handling operations; hence, modernization and upgradation of the Nhava Supply Base is proposed without affecting ongoing operations. The project will create new employment opportunities. The project is expected to boost the local economy and contribute to improvements in health, education, and community infrastructure. Preference will be given to local semi-skilled and unskilled labour from nearby villages.

The total project cost is estimated at ₹355.43 Crore. Environmental Consultant presented the complete details of the environmental management to be undertaken during the construction phase of the project.

He said that during the construction phase, work will be avoided at night near forests and sensitive areas.

Project Environmental Consultant said that the proposed project is in the interest of the local Panvel Taluka, the state of Maharashtra and the country.

After the presentation, the Chairman of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee informed the audience that the project promoters have provided detailed information about the Environmental Management Plans (EMPs) to be implemented for pollution control during the construction phase and after completion of the project.

However, participants are advised to raise environmental issues regarding the proposed project. Suggestions and objections made by you will be recorded and will be included in the minutes of the meeting. While registering the suggestions and objections, the name and place of residence/village should be mentioned first.

Thereafter, the convener of the Public Hearing announced that the forum is open for question answer. The summary of issues raised by public as below.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environmental Public Hearing and the answer/promises given by the Project Proponent / Project Environment Consultant / Environmental Public Hearing Committee:

1. Shri Vishrakh Gajanan Gram Pradhan Nhava

The speaker sought clarification regarding the requirement and status of additional land acquisition for the proposed project and requested information on potential impacts on fishermen and associated livelihood activities, and any kind of settlements?

Project proponent has replied that the land acquisition for the proposed project will be done under the Land Acquisition Act. No additional land acquisition or rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) is required for the proposed Project. Further, no adverse impacts on fishermen or their livelihood activities are anticipated as a result of the project.

2. Shri Deepak Mahadev Patil Wahal (Taluka- Panvel), Dist. Raigad

A presentation of the proposed project is shown here. It is towards development, proposed public is not legally correct as it was not widely published and circulated by ONGC/MPCB.

As the flamingo sanctuary in Thane Creek, declared by the government, comes under the 10km radius study area, so NOC/ NBWL was not obtained, as the impact would their on same.

The project is also coming in a wetland area, which is an internationally renowned Ramsar site.

How and why Ramsar site is not studied as it comes under the 10 km radius study area in the EIA Report.

PP shall make 33% green belt, which is insufficient as per the type of project proposed dedicated to green belt development by ONGC.

All 70% of the workload has been transferred to Pipava port, instead 30% of

the workload is contained at Nhava Base, due to which Nhava Base is underutilised after expansion and revamping; therefore, loss of employment is possible.

For CSR, only one village was surveyed by the socioeconomic team, whereas Gavhan & Wahal village committed.

Proposed project will be changed, impact on nearby village mainly on shoreline and fisherman livelihood due to pollution by Nhava expansion.

Also, 100% local youth must be employed for the Nhava expansion project.

PP has confirmed that the complete report along with executive summary in Marathi and English was submitted to Nhava, Gawahan, Wahal and Ulwe Gram Panchayat, and an acknowledgement copy of the same is received and ready to be shown.

The Project Proponent noted the concern raised by the People. The observations regarding the Flamingo Sanctuary, the Ramsar Site, and the associated ecological aspects shall be duly examined and incorporated, wherever applicable, in the Final EIA/EMP Report.

The feasibility of strengthening the proposed plantation and green belt measures shall be examined and addressed in the Final EIA/EMP Report, wherever applicable.

The Project Proponent noted concerns regarding the coverage of villages under the socio-economic survey and CSR activities. The suggestion shall be duly considered while finalising the CSR and community development initiatives, in accordance with ONGC policy and project requirements.

**3. Shri Hanuman S. Badhori- Nhava Sub-Sarpanch (Taluka- Panvel),
Dist. Raigad.**

Clarification sought regarding employment opportunities.

It was stated that earlier around 1100 workers/operators were employed, currently around 700, and the number may further reduce.

Concern regarding the replacement of workers after retirement?

Concern that mangroves have been damaged/destroyed in some areas.

Allegation that no adequate action has been taken for mangrove conservation/restoration.

Details on the total estimated number of mangroves proposed to be planted by ONGC?

Somewhere, deforestation, the cutting of large trees during the initial phase of shed construction, so details for the same were inquired?

Demand that employment opportunities be provided to local villagers.

Need permanent employment in ONGC, only 7 villagers have been employed till now. Concern that only a limited number of villagers have been employed so far. In writing, the number of employees (workers) will be renewed.

About 647 currently, after the age of retirement, no one can be replaced (Replenishment of vacancies).

Sanitation and Garbage Management, Occupational Health & Safety.

Road Development and working on the coach.

What will ONGC do to control dust suppression?

Point to be noted.

4. Shri Prakash, Nhava Village

Additional employment to be done at Nhava ONGC?

Fisherman & Local Boaters has to be compensated by ONGC in case their livelihood is affected by the project?

What will ONGC do for Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) at the workplace?

Water Supply under CSR/CER?

ONGC will permanent R.O. Water Plant?

Increase the frequency of regular water taken to Nhava and the nearby villages, particularly during periods of water shortage, by ONGC?

Adequate scarcity of water must be taken care of by ONGC for the adjacent village through CSR?

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CSR Funds will be allotted for the development of nearby villages.

5. Shri Asish Patil Nhava

Occupational Health and safety concerns healthcare and emergency medical facilities available to workers and nearby residents, and sought clarification regarding the number of employment opportunities likely to be generated by the proposed project.

PP has replied that priority to local people will be given as per their educational qualification, skilled, & semi-skilled employees. Priority to local contractors will also be given while awarding contracts, as per the ONGC Policy. The ONGC will try & provide facilities to local people.

6. Rajesh Ganesh Mhatre, Nhava Village

Clarify on location-wise logistics management, JNPT Limitation, overall time requirement at the Nhava supply base is more. Temporary usage of Pipava. The capacity to be restored to operational efficiency will increase.

Seashells have disappeared, which is an indicator of high-risk pollution. What are the measures/action taken in the Environmental Management Plan by ONGC?

The Project Proponent noted the concern raised regarding the disappearance of seashells and the potential environmental implications. The issue shall be examined in detail, and appropriate mitigation measures, wherever applicable, shall be incorporated in the Final EIA/EMP Report.

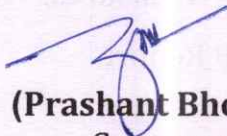
Member, Environment Public appealed to all participants to raise any environmental suggestions or objections in respect of the proposed project. There was no response from the participants.

The Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Raigad, directed that all the representations should be received and forwarded to them. 10 Public representatives, local body officials, villagers, businessmen, and environmental experts have participated in the Public Hearing, and they expressed their suggestions/objections/expectations regarding the project. Also, Hon'ble Chairman and Additional Collector, District Raigad and members of the Public Hearing and Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Raigad and

the project proponent have taken note of the suggestions/objections of the peoples/ villagers regarding the environmental issues. Finally, the Hon'ble Chairman and Additional District Magistrate, Raigad, given vote of thanks to all those present in the public hearing for participating in the hearing peacefully and registering their opinions and declared that the public hearing had been completed.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked all participants for their co-operation in carrying out the legal process and announced that Environment Public Hearing is concluded.

03 objections/ suggestions are received.



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