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Date: 26 / 06 / 2020

To,
The Joint Director (WPC),
M. P. C. Board, Slon (E),
Mumbai-22.

Sub:- Minutes of Environmental Proposed Sand Ghats (Total 32 Nos.) Of Yavatmal, Babhulgaon, Arni, Ralegaon, Kalamb, Ghatanji, Zari-Jamni, Wani, Maregaon, Umarched, & Mahagaon Talukas of Yavatmal District.

Ref:- 1) Board's Office Order No. E-04 of 2020 dated 06/05/2020 regarding Panel.
2) Public Hearing conducted on 09/06/2020 at Collector Office, Yavatmal.
3) Letter issued by Environment Department, GOM dtd. 04/05/2020
4) Letter issued by Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai dtd. 27/04/2020

Sir,

With reference to above cited subject matter, District Mining Officer, Yavatmal had applied to the Board for conducting Environmental Public Hearing for their Proposed Project of Sand Ghats (Total 32 Nos.) of Yavatmal, Babhulgaon, Arni, Ralegaon, Kalamb, Ghatanji, Zari-Jamni, Wani, Maregaon, Umarched, & Mahagaon Talukas of Yavatmal District through Zoom App. The Public Hearing was conducted through Zoom App, according to the provisions made in the letter by Environment Department, GOM dtd. 04/05/2020 and letter dtd. 27/04/2020 from Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai vide ref no. 3 & 4 above.

The Public Hearing was conducted on 09/06/2020 at Collector Office, Yavatmal. Submitting herewith the copies of proceedings of the Public Hearing as under;

- 1) Minutes of Public Hearing in English & Marathi (One original Copy & one photocopy).
- 2) Copies of written submissions received regarding project.
- 3) Copy of attendance sheet.
- 4) DVD of video shooting at the time of Public Hearing.
- 5) Office order for constitution of Public Hearing Panel.
- 6) Notices of Public Hearing published in English & Marathi Newspapers.
- 7) Letter issued by Environment Department, GOM dtd. 04/05/2020
- 8) Letter issued by Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai dtd. 27/04/2020
- 9) Executive Summary (English & Marathi).
- 10) EMP Report.

This is submitted for your perusal and onward submission.

Thanking you.

Yours Faithfully

(Ajit V. Patil)

Sub-Regional Officer, Chandrapur.

Copy submitted for information to: -

- 1) The District Collector, District Collector Office, Yavatmal.
- 2) Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur.
- 3) EIC, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai – for display on website of the Board.

Copy for information to: -

District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Yavatmal.

यवतमाळ जिल्हयातील यवतमाळ, बाभूळगांव, आर्णी, राळेगांव, कळंब, घाटंजी, झरीजामणी, वणी, मारेगांव, उमरखेड व महागांव तालुक्यातील प्रस्तावित असलेल्या वाळू घाटांकरिता (एकुण ३२) दि. ०९/०६/२०२० रोजी झालेल्या पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणीचे इतिवृत्त.

यवतमाळ जिल्हयातील खालील तक्त्यात नमुद केलेल्या यवतमाळ, बाभूळगांव, आर्णी, राळेगांव, कळंब, घाटंजी, झरीजामणी, वणी, मारेगांव, उमरखेड व महागांव तालुक्यातील प्रस्तावित असलेल्या वाळू घाटांकरिता (एकुण ३२) पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणी दि. ०९/०६/२०२० रोजी दुपारी १२.०० वाजता, स्थळ - जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, ता. जि. यवतमाळ येथुन ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने Zoom App द्वारे घेण्यात आली.

अ. क्र.	प्रस्तावित वाळू घाटाची ठिकाणे	तालुका
१	साकूर, बोरी गोसावी-१, बोरी गोसावी-२	यवतमाळ
२	भैय्यापूर, वाटखेड (खु.), नागरगांव, वाटखेड (बु.)	बाभूळगांव
३	साकूर-१, साकूर-२, मुकिंदपूर, राणीधानोरा-२	आर्णी
४	रोहिणी-२, जागजाई	राळेगांव
५	औरंगपूर	कळंब
६	रत्नापूर, कोळी (बु.) विलायता, माणूसधारी	घाटंजी
७	हिरापूर-३, वठोली	झरी-जामणी
८	सूरजापूर, इजासन, भुरकी-१	वणी
९	आपटी दक्षिण, आपटी उत्तर	मारेगांव
१०	साखरा, चालगणी, हातला, लोहारा (खु.)	उमरखेड
११	करंजखेड-१, थार (खु.), भोसा	महागांव

मा. सदस्य सचिव, महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, मुंबई यांच्या कार्यालयीन आदेश क्र. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-२००५०६-FTS-०००६ दि. ०६/०५/२०२० अन्वये सदरच्या लोकसुनावणी खालीलप्रमाणे समिती गठीत करण्यात आली आहे.

- १) श्री. एम.डी.सिंह (भा.प्र.से.),
जिल्हादंडाधिकारी, यवतमाळ - अध्यक्ष,
- २) श्री ए.एम.करे,
प्रादेशिक अधिकारी,
म.प्र.नि. मंडळ, चंद्रपूर - सदस्य
- ३) श्री. अजित पाटील,
उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी,
म.प्र.नि. मंडळ, चंद्रपूर - समन्वयक

श्री. अजित पाटील, उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, चंद्रपूर तथा समन्वयक, पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणी समिती यांनी सरदच्या पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणी

समितीचे अध्यक्ष, तसेच ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने Zoom App द्वारे उपस्थित श्री. एम.डी. सिंह, जिल्हाधिकारी, जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, यवतमाळ व प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, चंद्रपूर व यवतमाळ जिल्हयातील ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने Zoom App द्वारे उपस्थित नागरिकाचे स्वागत केले. तसेच समितीच्या अध्यक्षांच्या परवानगीने पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणी सुरु करण्यात आली.

सर्वप्रथम समन्वयक, पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणी समिती यांनी सुचित केले की, भारत सरकारच्या वने व पर्यावरण मंत्रालय, नवी दिल्ली यांच्या दि. १४/०९/२००६ व सुधारित दि. ०१/१२/२००९ रोजीच्या अधिसूचनेनुसार विशिष्ट प्रकल्पांना पर्यावरण विषयक संमती घेणे बंधनकारक असून त्यापूर्वी पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणी आयोजित करणे बंधनकारक करण्यात आलेले आहे.

यवतमाळ जिल्हयातील ३२ वाळु घाटांमधुन वाळुचा उपसा करण्याकरीता प्रकल्प प्रवर्तक अप्पर जिल्हाधिकारी, यवतमाळ यांनी दि. ०५/०५/२०२० रोजी रितसर शुल्क भरुन महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळाकडे पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणी घेण्याबाबत अर्ज केला होता.

समन्वयक यांनी नमुद केले की, केंद्र शासनाच्या खनिजकर्म विभागाने मार्च २०१८ मध्ये Sand Mining Framework, २०१८ प्रसिध्द केलेले आहे. त्यामध्ये वाळु/रेती निर्गती करताना आवश्यक असणाऱ्या बाबी संदर्भात देशातील काही ठळक राज्यांचा अभ्यास करुन काही दिशा निर्देशक दिलेले आहेत. तसेच मा. राष्ट्रीय हरित लवादने (एनजीटी) यांनी ओ.ए.नं. ३६८/२०१५ मध्ये दिनांक १९/०९/२०१८ रोजीच्या आदेशानुसार केंद्र शासनाच्या पर्यावरण, वने व वातावरणीय बदल मंत्रालय, नवी दिल्ली यांच्याशी समन्वय साधून Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 व Sand Mining Frame Work, 2018 व 2020 नुसार धोरणात अनुकूल बदल करण्याचे व जनसुनावणी घेण्याचे निर्देश पारित केलेले आहेत.

समन्वयक यांनी असे नमुद केले की, पर्यावरण विषयक जाहीर लोकसुनावणीचा मुळ उद्देश प्रकल्प परिसरातील सामान्य जनतेस प्रकल्पविषयी व प्रकल्पामुळे होणाऱ्या परिणाम व त्याबाबत सामान्य जनतेच्या भावना जाणुन घेणे, प्रकल्पास बंधनकारक असणाऱ्या प्रदुषण नियंत्रण संयंत्रणा व त्या अनुषंगाने कायदे याबाबतची माहिती सामान्य जनतेस देणे व त्यांनी दिलेल्या सुचनांचा विचार करणे.

म.प्र.नि. मंडळाकडे प्राप्त लोकसुनावणी घेण्याबाबतच्या अर्जाच्या अनुषंगाने मा.जिल्हाधिकारी, यवतमाळ यांचा परवानगीने दि. ०९/०६/२०२० रोजी यवतमाळ जिल्हयातील वाळु घाटांबाबत पर्यावरण विषयक लोकसुनावणी घेण्याबाबत दिनांक निश्चित करण्यात आली होती. याबाबत नियमाप्रमाणे ३० दिवस अगोदर दि. ०६/०५/२०२० रोजी दैनिक 'लोकसत्ता' व दैनिक 'द हितवाद' या वृत्तपत्रात जाहिरात प्रकाशित केली होती. तसेच अधिसूचनेप्रमाणे वाळु घाटासंबंधीचे ठळक वैशिष्ट असलेल्या व प्रकल्पाबाबत माहिती असलेल्या प्रारूप पर्यावरण व्यवस्थापन अहवालाच्या प्रती मराठी व इंग्रजीत शासनाच्या खालील कार्यालयामध्ये इच्छुक नागरिकांना अभ्यास करण्याकरीता उपलब्ध करुन देण्यात आल्या होत्या.

१. सह-संचालक (जल प्रदूषण नियंत्रण), महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, कल्पतरु पाईट, २ रा व ४ था माळा, सिनेप्लानेट सिनेमा समोर, सायन सर्कल जवळ (पु) मुंबई - ४०० ०२२
२. प्रादेशिक व उप-प्रादेशिक कार्यालय, महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, उद्योग भवन, पहिला माळा, रेल्वे स्टेशन रोड, चंद्रपूर.
३. जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, यवतमाळ.
४. जिल्हा परिषद, यवतमाळ.

५. जिल्हा उद्योग केंद्र, यवतमाळ.
६. उप-विभागीय कार्यालय, यवतमाळ, वणी, दारव्हा, पुसद, उमरखेड, केळापूर, राळेगांव, जि. यवतमाळ.
७. तहसिल कार्यालय, यवतमाळ, वणी, पुसद, बाभूळगांव, आर्णी, दारव्हा, नेर, दिग्रस, उमरखेड, महागांव, केळापूर, झरी-जामणी, घाटंजी, राळेगांव, कळंब, मारेगांव, जि. यवतमाळ.
८. ग्रामपंचायत कार्यालये-
 - अ) साकूर, बोरी गोसावी-१, बोरी गोसावी-२, ता. जि. यवतमाळ.
 - आ) भैय्यापूर, वाटखेड (खु.), नागरगांव, वाटखेड (बु.), ता. बाभूळगांव, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - इ) साकूर-१, साकूर-२, मुकिंदपूर, राणीधानोरा-२, ता. आर्णी, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - ई) रोहिणी-२, जागजाई, ता. राळेगांव, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - उ) औरंगपूर, ता. कळंब, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - ऊ) रत्नापूर, कोळी (बु.) विलायता, माणूसधारी, ता. घाटंजी, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - ऋ) हिरापूर-३, वठोली, ता. झरी-जामणी, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - ऌ) सूरजापूर, इजासन, भुरकी-१, ता. वणी, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - एँ) आपटी दक्षिण, आपटी उत्तर, ता. मारेगांव, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - ऐ) साखरा, चालगणी, हातला, लोहारा (खु.), ता. उमरखेड, जि. यवतमाळ.
 - ए) करंजखेड-१, धार (खु.), भोसा, ता. महागांव, जि. यवतमाळ.

तदनंतर वैज्ञानिक, पर्यावरण विभाग, महाराष्ट्र शासन तथा सचिव, राज्यस्तरीय तज्ज्ञ मुल्यांकन समिती-१ यांनी त्यांच्या पत्र क्रं. SEAC/२०१६/प्र. क्र. १/ तां. क. ३, दि. ४/५/२०२० अन्वये सध्या सुरु असलेल्या कोव्हिड-१९ विषाणुच्या उद्रेकामुळे राज्यात शासनातर्फे करण्यात आलेल्या लॉकडाऊनमुळे सदरील जाहीर लोकसुनावणी ह्या ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने Zoom App द्वारे घेण्याबाबत सूचित केले होते. त्या अनुषंगाने मा.जिल्हाधिकारी, यवतमाळ यांच्या परवानगीने दि. ०९/०६/२०२० रोजी दुपारी १२.०० वाजता, स्थळ - जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, ता. जि. यवतमाळ येथुन ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने Zoom App द्वारे घेण्यात आली.

तदनंतर यवतमाळ जिल्हयातील ३२ वाळू घाटांबाबत जिल्हा खनिकर्म अधिकारी यांनी सविस्तर अहवाल सादर केला. तसेच वाळू उपसा करतांना प्रदुषण नियंत्रण करतांना घेण्यात येणाऱ्या उपाययोजनांबाबत माहिती दिली.

सादरीकरणानंतर समन्वयक यांनी लोकसुनावणीसाठी उपस्थित नागरिकांना ऑनलाईन पद्धती द्वारे या वाळू घाटांबाबत त्यांचे मत, टिका-टिप्पणी, आक्षेप, सुचना मांडण्याबाबत आवाहन केले. तसेच यांनी महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळाकडे ईमेलद्वारे दोन लेखी निवेदन प्राप्त झाल्याबाबत कळविले. रेती घाटनिहाय प्राप्त झालेल्या सूचना, आक्षेप, टिका-टिप्पणी यांची यादी सोबत जोडत आहे. उपस्थितांनी नोंदविलेली मते व त्याबाबतचा अभिप्राय खालीलप्रमाणे आहे.

जनसुनावणी दरम्यान चर्चेतील प्रश्न, टीका, टिप्पणी, आक्षेप, सुचना तसेच प्रकल्प धारकाने दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने खालील प्रमाणे आहेत:

१) प्रा. अरविंद सोनी, आपली नदी आपली रेती, नागपुर:-

अ. क्र.	आक्षेप/सूचना/प्रश्न	चर्चेला अनुसरून प्रकल्पधारकांनी दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने
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१)	प्रथम मी मा. अध्यक्ष महोदयांनी रेती प्रकल्पाबाबत दिलेल्या माहितीबाबत आभार मानतो. शासनाने रेती घाटांबाबत काही नियमावली प्रकाशित केलेली आहे. वाहनांवर Tracking device लावण्यात आलेले आहेत परंतु त्याबाबत काही कार्यवाही करण्यात आली आहे काय?	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, प्रत्यक्षात GPS प्रणाली प्रत्येक वाहनावर बसविण्यात आलेली आहे. पांढरकवडा येथील रेती घाटधारक निर्देशित मार्गाचा वापर करत नसल्याचे आढळल्याने त्यावर कार्यवाही करण्यात आली आहे. प्रत्येक रेती वाहतूक करणाऱ्या वाहनावर GPS प्रणाली बसविण्यात येईल.
२)	CCTV चित्रीकरण महिन्यातून एकदाच पाहण्यात येतो. ज्यामुळे अवैध रेती वाहतूकीबाबत ठोस कार्यवाही करणे शक्य नाही. नदीच्या प्रवाहातून रेती JCB च्या सहाय्याने उपसा करण्यात येते व याबाबत मा. जिल्हाधिकाऱ्यांना माहिती देण्यात येत नाही.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, CCTV प्रणाली प्रत्येक रेती घाट परिसरात बसविण्यात येईल व आपल्या मुद्याची नोंद घेण्यात आली आहे.
३)	CCTV Footage जिल्ह्याच्या संकेतस्थळावर थेट प्रक्षेपित केले पाहिजे. आधुनिक तंत्रज्ञानाचा वापर करून जिल्ह्यासाठी एक हेल्पलाईन नंबर पुरविण्यात यावा जेणेकरून जिल्ह्यातील नागरीक त्यांच्या तक्रारी थेट मा. जिल्हाधिकारी यांच्या पर्यंत पोहचवू शकतील.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, CCTV प्रणाली उभारण्यात येईल. महसूल विभागाने ३०७ कार्यवाही केल्या असून त्यामधून रु. ५ कोटींचा दंड वसूल केला आहे. (८० टक्के रक्कम वसूल करण्यात आली आहे.)
४)	Cloud based तंत्रज्ञान वापरून हेल्पलाईन नंबर पूरविण्यात यावा. ॲपचा वापर करून वास्तविक माहिती घेण्यात यावी.	----

२) श्री. प्रताप गोस्वामी, महासचिव, जागृत किसान मंच, नागपूर:-

अ. क्र.	आक्षेप/सूचना/प्रश्न	चर्चेला अनुसरून प्रकल्पधारकांनी दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने
१)	नागरीक/शेतकरी इंटरनेट सुविधा नसल्याने Zoom App वर जनसुनावणीकरिता हजेरी लावू शकत नाहीत. आपणांस विनंती करण्यात येते की सदर जनसुनावणी पुढे ढकलण्यात यावी.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, सदर जनसुनावणी पर्यावरण विभाग, महाराष्ट्र शासन, मंत्रालय, मुंबई यांच्या दि. ०४/०५/२०२० रोजीच्या मार्गदर्शक तत्त्वानुसार Zoom App वर घेण्यात येत आहे. तसेच जनसुनावणीच्या एक महिना आधी सदर प्रकल्पाबाबतची माहिती जिल्ह्यातील सर्व शासकीय कार्यालयात नागरीकांच्या अभ्यासाकरिता ठेवण्यात आल्या होत्या. तसेच वृत्तपत्रात जाहिरात प्रकाशित करण्यात आली होती. त्याअनुषंगाने सर्व नागरीकांकडून त्यांच्या टिका-टिप्पणी तसेच आक्षेप, सूचना इत्यादी देण्याबाबत आवाहन करण्यात आले होते.
२)	जोपर्यंत प्रकल्पाचा पर्यावरण व्यवस्थापन अहवाल हा संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध होत नाही तोपर्यंत याबाबतीत	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, सदर प्रकल्पाबाबतीत

	टिका-टिप्पणी व आक्षेप कशाप्रकारे नोंदवावे? तरी आमची विनंती आहे की, सध्याच्या कोव्हिड-१९ विषाणुचा प्रादुर्भाव निवळल्यानंतर जनसुनावणी परत घेण्यात यावी.	सर्व कागदपत्रे संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध आहेत. तसेच तत्सम ग्रामपंचायत यांच्याकडे एक महिना अगोदरच पोहचविलेल्या असून याबाबतची व्यक्तिगत शहानिषा केलेली आहे.
३)	जोपर्यंत प्रकल्पाचा पर्यावरण व्यवस्थापन अहवाल हा संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध होत नाही तोपर्यंत मी शंका कशा विचारू?	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, सदर प्रकल्पाबाबतीत सर्व कागदपत्रे संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध आहेत.

३) कु. सरिता उत्तरवार, ता. जि. यवतमाळ:-

अ. क्र.	आक्षेप/सूचना/प्रश्न	चर्चेला अनुसरून प्रकल्पधारकांनी दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने
१)	वाळू उत्खननामुळे नदीचे प्रदूषण होते व वाळूमुळे नदीचे संवर्धन होण्यास मदत होते. म्हणून नदीमधून वाळू उत्खनन करू नये कारण सध्या आपल्याकडे Crushed Sand या नावाने दगडाचीसुद्धा वाळूमध्ये रूपांतरण (Artificial Sand) करता येऊ शकते. आणि दैनंदिन जीवनात त्याचा वापरही होऊ शकतो म्हणून वाळू उत्खननाला परवानगी देण्यात येऊ नये. तसेच सदर जनसुनावणी करिता तत्सम भागातील प्रकल्पग्रस्तांची उपस्थिती अपेक्षित आहे.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, आपल्या मुद्याची नोंद घेण्यात आलेली असून याबाबतीत उच्च पदस्थांना कळविण्यात येईल.

४) श्री. सुमेर बोरा, ता. जि. यवतमाळ:-

अ. क्र.	आक्षेप/सूचना/प्रश्न	चर्चेला अनुसरून प्रकल्पधारकांनी दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने
१	नदीचे जल संवर्धन महत्त्वाचे आहे आणि वाळू उत्खननामुळे नदीचे प्रदूषण होते.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, आपल्या मुद्याची नोंद घेण्यात आलेली आहे.
२	जल संवर्धनाकरिता खूप प्रयत्न केले जाऊ शकतात त्यापैकी वाळू उत्खनन बंदी हा एक पर्याय आहे.	वरीलप्रमाणे.

५) श्री. उमाशंकर भादुले, क्षेत्र अधिकारी, म.प्र.नि. मंडळ, चंद्रपुर:-

अ. क्र.	आक्षेप/सूचना/प्रश्न	चर्चेला अनुसरून प्रकल्पधारकांनी दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने
१)	वाळू उत्खननाच्या ठिकाणी वृक्षतोड होणार आहे काय? वाळू उत्खननाचा परिसर हा रेखांकित केलेला आहे काय?	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, आपल्या मुद्याची नोंद घेण्यात आलेली आहे.

६) श्री. सुधीर पालीवाल, विदर्भ पर्यावरण कृती समिती, नागपूर:-

अ. क्र.	आक्षेप/सूचना/प्रश्न	चर्चेला अनुसरून प्रकल्पधारकांनी दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने
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१	सदर जनसुनावणीकरिताच्या गठीत समितीबाबत माहिती देण्यात यावी.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, जिल्हाधिकारी, यवतमाळ हे जनसुनावणी समितीचे अध्यक्ष आहेत, प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, म.प्र.नि.मंडळ, चंद्रपूर हे सदस्य व उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, म.प्र.नि. मंडळ, चंद्रपूर हे समन्वयक आहेत.
२	मी प्रकल्पाबाबत माझी तक्रार ईमेलद्वारे पाठविलेली आहे.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, आपल्या मुद्यांची नोंद घेण्यात आलेली आहे.
३	जनसुनावणीच्या यथायोग्य प्रक्रियेचे पालन झालेले नाही. याबाबत नागपूर खंडपीठ येथे आज खटला दाखल करण्यात आलेला आहे. Zoom App हे सुरक्षित नाही. EMP, जनसुनावणीची जाहिरात इत्यादी म.प्र.नि. मंडळाच्या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध नाहीत. फक्त कार्यकारी सारांश उपलब्ध आहे. सद्यःस्थितीच्या कोव्हिड-१९ च्या परिस्थितीमध्ये सामान्य नागरीक कोणत्याही शासकीय कार्यालयात पोहचू शकत नाही.	मा. अध्यक्ष, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती यांनी सांगितले की, आपल्या मुद्याची नोंद घेण्यात आलेली आहे. जनसुनावणीचे समन्वयक तथा उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, म.प्र.नि. मंडळ, चंद्रपूर यांनी सांगितले की, शक्यतो संकेतस्थळावर कार्यकारी सारांशच टाकण्यात येतो व उर्वरित कागदपत्रे/अहवाल तत्सम स्थानिक स्वराज्य संस्थेत म.प्र.नि. मंडळाच्या नियमानुसार ठेवण्यात येते.
४	गुगल संकेतस्थळाच्या अनुषंगाने वाळू घाटांचे स्थळ रेखांकित केलेली आहेत ती दाखवा.	प्रकल्प प्रवर्तकांनी सादरीकरणादरम्यान रेती घाटांचे रेखांकित केलेली चित्रे पुनः प्रदर्शित केली.

७) श्री. प्रशांत चव्हाण, हातला, ता. उमरखेड, जि. यवतमाळ:-

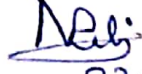
अ. क्र.	आक्षेप/सूचना/प्रश्न	चर्चेला अनुसरून प्रकल्पधारकांनी दिलेली उत्तरे/आश्वासने
१	माझ्या गावातील रेती घाट सर्व्हे नं. ४७, ४८, ४९ मागील १० वर्षांपासून उपयोगात आहेत. सद्यःस्थितीत त्याची क्षमता ४२८५ ब्रास सांगण्यात आलेली असून प्रत्यक्षात तेथे यापेक्षा कमी वाळूसाठा आहे. तरी या भागात पुन्हा सर्वेक्षण करण्यात यावे ही विनंती.	समन्वयक, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती तथा उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, म.प्र.नि. मंडळ, चंद्रपूर यांनी सांगितले की, तहसिल स्तरावरील तांत्रिक उपसमितीने रेतीघाटाचे सर्वेक्षण केलेले आहे. पुन्हा सर्वे करण्याबाबतच्या मुद्याची नोंद घेण्यात आलेली आहे.

८) श्री. देवेंद्र चव्हाण, हातला, ता. उमरखेड, जि. यवतमाळ:-

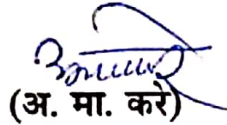
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१)	माझ्या गावातील वाळू रेती घाट येथे मोठ्या प्रमाणात वाळूसाठा उपलब्ध असून त्याचा भाव कमी असायला हवा परंतु भाव हा जास्त आहे आणि तालुक्याच्या गावापासून सदर घाट हा ३० कि.मी. अंतरावर आहे.	समन्वयक, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी समिती तथा उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, म.प्र.नि. मंडळ, चंद्रपूर यांनी सांगितले की, सदर मुद्याची नोंद घेण्यात आलेली आहे.

श्री. अजित पाटील, उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी, महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, चंद्रपूर व जिल्हा खनिकर्म अधिकारी यांनी सर्व सहभागी नागरिकांना आवाहन केले की अजुन कुणास आपले मत मांडावयाचे असल्यास ते मांडू शकतात. त्यानंतर कुणीही आपले म्हणणे मांडावयास पुढे आले नाही.

श्री. अजित पाटील यांनी नागरिकांनी मांडलेल्या सर्व मुद्द्यांची नोंद घेण्यात आली असल्याचे सांगितले. त्यानंतर मा. अध्यक्षांच्या परवानगीने त्यांनी सर्वांचे आभार मानून जाहीर लोकसुनावणी संपन्न झाल्याचे जाहीर केले.


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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SAND GHATS (TOTAL 32 NOS.) OF YAVATMAL, BABHULGAON, ARNI, RALEGAON, KALAMB, GHATANJI, ZARI-JAMNI, WANI, MAREGAON, UMARKHED, & MAHAGAON TALUKAS IN YAVATMAL DISTRICT CONDUCTED ON 09/06/2020.

The Environment Public Hearing for below mentioned sand and ghats (Total 32) of Yavatmal, Babhulgaon, Arni, Ralegaon, Kalamb, Ghatanji, Zari-Jamni, Wani, Maregaon, Umarched, & Mahagaon Talukas in Yavatmal District was conducted through Zoom App on 09/06/2020 at 12.00 Noon from Collector Office, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.

Sr. No.	Name of Proposed Sand Ghats	Taluka
1	Sakur, Bori Gosavi-1, Bori Gosavi-2	Yavatmal
2	Bhaiyyapur, Watkhed Khu., Nagargaon, Watkhed (Bu.)	Babhulgaon
3	Sakur-1, Sakur-2, Mukindpur, Ranidhanora-2	Arni
4	Raohini-2, Jagjai	Ralegaon
5	Aurangpur	Kalamb
6	Ratnapur, Koli(Bu.), Vilayata, Manusdhari	Ghatanji
7	Hirapur-3, Watholi	Zari-Jamni
8	Surjapur, Ijasa, Bhurki-1	Wani
9	Apti Dakshin, Apti Uttar	Maregaon
10	Sakhara, Chalgani, Hatla, Lohara (Khu.)	Umarched
11	Karanjkhed-1, Thar Khurd, Bhosa	Mahagaon

Hon'ble Member Secretary, MPCB, Mumbai has issued office order vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-200506-FTS-0006 dated 06/05/2020 for panel formation as given below for the public hearing.

1. Shri. M. D. Singh (I.A.S.),
District Collector,
Yavatmal. - **Chairman**
2. Shri A. M. Kare,
Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur - **Member**
3. Shri Ajit Patil,
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur - **Convener**

Convener of public hearing Shri. Ajit Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur welcomed the Chairman of public hearing panel, Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Chandrapur who was attending the hearing through Zoom App, officers of Revenue Department and all citizens of Yavatmal District who were attending the public hearing

through Zoom App. Then the public hearing was started with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman.

At the outset, Convener of Public Hearing explained that it is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance for certain type of projects according to the provisions of EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, New Delhi dtd. 14/09/2006 and Amendment dtd. 01/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance.

Project Proponent, District Mining Officer, Yavatmal has submitted proposal on 05/05/2020 alongwith requisite fees for the environmental public hearing for proposed sand excavation activity of total 32 sand ghats of Yavatmal District.

Convener further explained that Mining Department, Govt. of India has published 'Sand Mining Framework, 2018' in March 2018 in which certain guidelines were given for sand excavation. Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its order dtd. 19/09/2018 in the matter of OA No. 368/2015 issued directions to coordinate with Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change and to make necessary changes in the policies as per Sustainable Sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 and Sand Mining Framework, 2018 and 2020 and to conduct environmental public hearing.

Convener of Public hearing further narrated that the main purpose of public hearing is to get acquainted with the citizen's views about the various aspects of project and the effects thereof. Also, to make people aware about the pollution control arrangements required in the project and the concerned rules, and to consider the views expressed during the public hearing.

Accordingly, project proponent had submitted an application to Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) for conducting Public Hearing as per the provisions of EIA Notification-2006. It was decided to hold public hearing in respect of the said project on 09/06/2020 through Zoom App due to Covid-19 Pandemic situation in consultation with District Collector, Yavatmal. It was briefed that, said public hearing is being conducted through Zoom App, according to the provisions made in the letter by Environment Department, GOM dtd. 04/05/2020 and letter dtd. 27/04/2020 from Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has published public notices in Marathi newspaper namely "Loksatta" and English newspaper "The Hitvada" on dated 06/05/2020. The appeal was made to the concerned to submit objections, suggestions, complaints, comments, if any, in respect of the said project to concerned regulatory authorities.

Copy of draft EMP report along with executive summary in respect of the said project were made available in English/ Marathi in the following offices to apprise the public.

- (1) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), 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, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- (3) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur
- (4) Collector Office, Yavatmal
- (5) Zilha Parishad, Yavatmal.
- (6) District Industries Center, Yavatmal.
- (7) Sub-Divisional Office Dist. Yavatmal.
- (8) Tahsil Office, Yavatmal, Babhulgaon, Arni, Ralegaon, Kalamb, Ghatanji, Zari-Jamni, Wani, Maregaon, Umarched, Mahagaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
- (9) Gram-Panchayat Offices –
 - a. Sakur, Bori Gosavi-1, Bori Gosavi-2, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal.
 - b. Bhaiyyapur, Warkhed Khu., Nagargaon, Warkhed (Bu.), Tal. Babhulgaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - c. Sakur-1, Sakur-2, Mukindpur, Ranidhanora-2, Tal. Arni, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - d. Raohini-2, Jagjai, Tal. Ralegaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - e. Aurangpur, Tal. Kalamb, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - f. Ratnapur, Koli(Bu.), Vilayata, Manusdhari, Tal. Ghatanji, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - g. Hirapur-3, Watholi, Tal. Zari-Jamni, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - h. Surjapur, Ijasa, Bhurki-1, Tal. Wani, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - i. Aпти Dakshin, Aпти Uttar, Tal. Maregaon, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - j. Sakhara, Chalgani, Hatla, Lohara (Khu.), Tal. Umarched, Dist. Yavatmal.
 - k. Karanjkhed-1, Thar Khurd, Bhosa, Tal. Mahagaon, Dist. Yavatmal.

The above authorities at Sr. No. 5 to 9 above, were also requested to arrange wide publicity within their respective jurisdiction requesting the affected persons to send their comments to the concerned regulatory authorities.

The venue for the said public hearing was decided at Collector Office, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal through Zoom App. The said venue was finalized considering easy accessibility to local people on the site of proposed project. The list of objections & suggestions as per each sand ghats in tabulated format is enclosed sperately with these Minute of Meeting.

A Public Hearing Panel comprising of the following members was constituted by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 06/05/2020 in accordance with the EIA Notification dated 14th September, 2006 and as amended thereto issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi:-

FOLLOWING HAVE PARTICIPATED DURING THE DISCUSSIONS, QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS / MADE BY PROJECT PROPONENT/ MPCB GIVEN BY PROJECT PROPONENT/PROJECT CONSULTANT/PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE

1) Prof. Dr. Arvind P. Soni, Aapli Nadi Aapli Reti, Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	I congratulate Chairman for details given of project. Government has framed some rules for sustained mining. Tracking devices are installed on trucks but action taken on the basis of tracking data?	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, Normally GPS is used. Recently action in Pandharkawada, concerned person was using other route than designated & we took action against it. We will ensure that this system will be on all tractors/vehicles transporting sand.
2	CC footage is seen only once in a month due to which we cannot take effective action. Sand is excavated from flowing water by JCB & this information don't reach upto District Collector.	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, CCTV cameras are installed and your suggestion is noted.
3	CCTV footage be live on district website 24x7. There should be helpline number where people can complain & which will be known to District Collector. We will use latest technology.	We will install CCTV at sand ghats. Revenue Department took 307 actions & charged fine of Rs. 5 Crores (80% amount recovered).
4	We may put helpline number on cloud-based technology. Also using app we may get real time status.	

2) Shri. Pratap Goswami, General Secretary, Jagrut Kisan Manch, Nagpur:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	People/Farmers of project affected villages don't have access to internet & so cannot participate in this Public Hearing which is being conducted on	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, Public Hearing is being conducted as directed by higher authorities

	Zoom App. Postpone this Public Hearing & conduct it at District Collector's Office.	vide Environment Department, GOM's letter dtd. 04/05/2020. Time of 1 month was given to people for complaints, objections, claims.
2	Kindly consider subsequent holding meeting at office after normalization of situation. We don't have access to Environment Management Plan & website. People cannot study project report. How to raise objections?	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, documents are uploaded on website. Also copies are kept at all concerned Gram Panchayats & time of one month given (Executive Summary & Environment Management Plan are provided). We will personally send you details.
3	Unless I have access to Environment Management Plan how can I raise query?	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, we have already uploaded Environment Management Plan. Documents regarding Public Hearing are available on website.

3) Miss. Sarika Uttarwar, Yavatmal, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Due to sand mining pollution will occur. Mining will cause pollution. We should save sand mines & thereby preserve rivers. Not to give permission of sand mining. When we have option of crushed sand then why are going for sand mining? Artificial sand is used now-a-days at many places. Actually affected attending this public hearing are less.	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, the points raised are noted & it will be informed to higher authorities.

4) Shri. Sumer Bora, Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Water conservation is required & due to sand mining there will be pollution.	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, the point

		is noted.
2	Lot of efforts of water conservation are made & this should be augmented by banning sand mining.	Noted.

5) **Shri. Umashankar B. Bhadule, Field Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur.**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Is there any tree cutting proposed? Will there be demarcation of mining area?	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, point is noted.

6) **Shri. Sudhir Paliwal, Vidarbha Environment Action Group, Tal & Dist. Nagpur:-**

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	What is the Panel constituted for this Public Hearing as notification?	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, District Collector, Yavatmal is Chairman of Public Hearing, Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur is member of the Public Hearing Panel & Sub-Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur is Convener of Public Hearing.
2	I have sent complaint on email.	Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed that, we have taken note of it. It is with MPCB on record.
3	Public Hearing procedure is not being followed. There is case in court at Nagpur today. Use of Zoom App is not safe. Environment Management Plan, newspaper notice is not available on MPCB website. Executive Summary is available on website. People cannot reach offices to study the documents in this	Chairman of Public Hearing informed that, points are noted & decision regarding use of Zoom app & above points will be taken. Documents are available on website. Convener of Public Hearing & Sub-Regional

	Covid-19 Pandemic & Lockdown situation.	Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur informed that, mostly executive summary are uploaded on website. Copies of EIA/EMP are kept at Gram Panchayat Officer, this is MPCB procedure.
4	You are requested to display the locations of all sand ghats vide Google Maps.	Project Proponent displayed Google Maps of all sand ghats on board. Red margins are boundaries of sand ghats.

7) Shri. Prashant Chavan, Village Hatla, Tal. Umardhed, Dist. Chandrapur

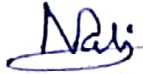
Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Sand ghat survey no. 47, 48, 49 are in use from last 10 years. Now, proposed ghat is of 4285 brass quantity, but quantity is less available there. You are requested to conduct the survey again.	Convener of Public Hearing & Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur informed that, technical committee at Taluka level has already conducted survey. The point of reconducting survey again is noted.

8) Shri. Devendra Chavan, Village Hatla, Tal. Umardhed, Dist. Yavatmal:-

Sr. No.	Objection/Suggestion/ Question	Comments / made by Project Proponent/ MPCB
1	Sand ghat at Hatla is of more quantity & so its rate should be less. Now, its cost is more. Sand Ghat is about 30 kms. From Taluka place.	Convener of Public Hearing & Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur informed that, the point is noted.

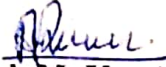
The Chairman of the Public Hearing briefed the people present if there are any other question /issues, the same may be asked. However, nobody came with any question. He announced that copy of the proceedings and CD of the public hearing will be made available in due course of time in MPCB office at Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.

The Chairman of the Committee while concluding the proceedings, summarized various points raised and declared that public hearing is ended, and concluded the public hearing with vote of thanks.



23.6.2020

(Ajit V. Patil)
Convener of the Public
Hearing Committee and
Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



(Ashok M. Kare)
Member of the Public
Hearing Committee and
I/c. Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



[M. D. Singh, (I.A.S.)]
District Magistrate,
Yavatmal & Chairman of the
Public Hearing Committee

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Date: 6/5/2020

OFFICE ORDER NO. E- 04 OF 2020

In compliance of Notification S. O. 1533 dt. 14/09/2006 and amended Notification S.O. 3067 (E) dt. 01/12/2009 of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, the Public Hearing Panel in respect Proposed Project of 32 Sand Mining in Yavatmal District Proposed by District Mining officer, Yavatmal Collector Office, Yavatmal, Maharashtra, is as below;

- 1) **District Magistrate, Yavatmal** **Chairman**
Or his representative not below the
Rank of an **Additional District Magistrate**
- 2) **Representative of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board**
Regional Officer, M.P C. Board, Chandrapur **Member**
- 3) **Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur** **Convener**
will work as:

The Members are requested to make it convenient to attend the Public Hearing dt. 09.06.2020 at 12.00 noon at Collector Office, Tal, Dist : Yavatmal, Positively.

(E. Ravendiran, IAS)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted for Information to:

- 1) The Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai- 400 032
- 2) The Chairman M. P. C. Board, Mumbai

Copy for Information to:

District Collector, Yavatmal .

Copy for Information & necessary action to:

- 1) Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur.
- 2) Sub Regional Officer, M. P. C. Board, Chandrapur - He is instructed to ensure that the copies are served to all concerned.
- 3) EIC, M. P. C. Board, Mumbai - For information & display on website. – Soft copy of Executive Summary sent to EIC section.

Copy to project proponent:

District Mining officer, Yavatmal, Collector Office, Yavatmal.



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महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, चंद्रपूर

जिल्हा खनिकर्म अधिकारी, खनिकर्म विभाग, जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, ता. जि. यवतमाळ यांनी त्यांच्या प्रस्तावित ३२ रेताघाटांच्या प्रस्तावाबाबत पर्यावरणविषयक जनसुनावणी घेण्याबाबत मंडळाकडे अर्ज सादर केला आहे. सदरील प्रस्तावित प्रकल्पाकरिता भारत सरकारच्या पर्यावरण व वने मंत्रालय, नवी दिल्लीचे १४ सप्टेंबर, २००६ च्या अधिनियमान्वये व ०९ डिसेंबर, २००९ च्या सुधारित अधिनियमान्वये उपरोक्त प्रस्तावाबाबत पर्यावरणविषयक जनसुनावणी आयोजित करण्यात येत आहे.

प्रकल्प प्रवर्तकाच्या विनंतीस अनुसरून सदर जनसुनावणी पर्यावरण विषयक बाबीबाबत घेण्यात येत असून सदर नियोजित प्रकल्पाच्या परिसरामधील रहिवाशी, पर्यावरण विषयक काम करणाऱ्या संस्था, सदर प्रकल्पामुळे विस्थापित होणारे रहिवाशी किंवा सदर प्रकल्पामुळे अन्य प्रकारे प्रभावित होणारे रहिवाशी यांना सदर प्रकल्पासंबंधी टिका-टिप्पणी, अभिप्राय किंवा आक्षेप तोंडी किंवा लेखी स्वरूपात नोंदविता येईल.

तसेच जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, यवतमाळ यांनी दि. १९/०३/२०२० रोजी दैनिक 'लोकमत' व दैनिक 'हितवाद' या वृत्तपत्रात जाहिरात प्रकाशित केली होती व दि. २०/०३/२०२० रोजी दैनिक 'लोकमत' व 'हितवाद' या वृत्तपत्रात शुद्धीपत्रक प्रकाशित केले होते. सदर जाहिरातीत असे नमूद होते की, ३२ रेताघाट प्रस्तावित असून त्यांचा DSR अहवाल शासनाच्या संकेतस्थळावर त्यांनी प्रसिद्ध केला होता व त्याबाबत नागरीकांचे सूचना/आक्षेप मागविण्यात आले होते.

सदर प्रकल्पासंबंधी पर्यावरण विषयक सुचना, विचार, टिका-टिप्पणी, अभिप्राय तसेच आक्षेप ही जाहिरात प्रसिद्ध झाल्यापासून ३० दिवसांच्या आत खालील पत्त्यावर नोंदविण्यात याव्यात किंवा या कार्यालयाच्या ईमेलवर पाठविण्यात यावेत.

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मौखिक किंवा लेखी आक्षेप जाहिर जनसुनावणीच्या वेळेस सुध्दा नोंदविता येईल. जाहिर जनसुनावणी खालील ठिकाणी घेण्यात येईल:

दिनांक : ०९/०६/२०२०

वेळ : दुपारी १२.०० वाजता

स्थळ : जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, ता. जि. यवतमाळ

सदर प्रकल्पासाठी पर्यावरण विषयक माहिती असलेले दस्तावेज खालील कार्यालयामध्ये उपलब्ध आहेत. संबंधित व्यक्ती या कार्यालयामध्ये कार्यालयीन वेळेमध्ये सदर दस्तावेज अभ्यासू शकतील.

- सह-संचालक (जल प्रदूषण नियंत्रण), महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, कल्पतरु पाईट, २ रा व ४ था माळा, सिनेप्लानेट सिनेमा समोर, सायन सर्कल जवळ (पु) मुंबई - ४०० ०२२
- प्रादेशिक कार्यालय व उप-प्रादेशिक कार्यालय, महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, उद्योग भवन, पहिला माळा, रेल्वे स्टेशन रोड, चंद्रपूर.
- जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, यवतमाळ, जिल्हा परिषद, यवतमाळ, जिल्हा उद्योग केंद्र, यवतमाळ.
- जिल्ह्यातील सर्व उप-विभागीय कार्यालये, सर्व तहसिल कार्यालये, सर्व पंचायत समिती कार्यालये व संबंधित ३२ ग्रामपंचायत कार्यालये, जि. यवतमाळ.

सद्यःस्थितीत COVID-१९ या आजारचा प्रादुर्भाव सुरू आहे व लॉकडाऊनची स्थिती आहे. अशा परिस्थितीत जनसुनावणीच्या दिवशी नागरीकांना एकत्र जमवणे अशक्य झाल्यास, सदर जनसुनावणी ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने Zoom App द्वारे जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, यवतमाळ येथे घेण्यात येईल. (सदर जाहिरात मा. जिल्हाधिकारी, यवतमाळ यांच्या मान्यतेने प्रसिद्ध करण्यात येत आहे).

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म.प्र.नि.मंडळ, चंद्रपूर

तथा समन्वयक, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी.



पर्यावरण विषयक जाहिर जनसुनावणीची सूचना महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, चंद्रपूर

जिल्हा खनिकर्म अधिकारी, खनिकर्म विभाग, जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, ता. जि. यवतमाळ यांनी त्यांच्या प्रस्तावित ३२ रेंतीघाटांच्या प्रस्तावाबाबत पर्यावरणविषयक जनसुनावणी घेण्याबाबत मंडळाकडे अर्ज सादर केला आहे. सदरील प्रस्तावित प्रकल्पाकरिता भारत सरकारच्या पर्यावरण व वने मंत्रालय, नवी दिल्लीचे १४ सप्टेंबर, २००६ च्या अधिनियमान्वये व ०१ डिसेंबर, २००९ च्या सुधारित अधिनियमान्वये उपरोक्त प्रस्तावाबाबत पर्यावरणविषयक जनसुनावणी आयोजित करण्यात येत आहे.

प्रकल्प प्रवर्तकाच्या विनंतीस अनुसरून सदर जनसुनावणी पर्यावरण विषयक बाबीबाबत घेण्यात येत असून सदर नियोजित प्रकल्पाच्या परिसरामधील रहिवाशी, पर्यावरण विषयक काम करणाऱ्या संस्था, सदर प्रकल्पामुळे विस्थापित होणारे रहिवाशी किंवा सदर प्रकल्पामुळे अन्य प्रकारे प्रभावित होणारे रहिवाशी यांना सदर प्रकल्पासंबंधी टिका-टिप्पणी, अभिप्राय किंवा आक्षेप तोंडी किंवा लेखी स्वरूपात नोंदविता येईल.

तसेच जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, यवतमाळ यांनी दि. १९/०३/२०२० रोजी दैनिक 'लोकमत' व दैनिक 'हितवाद' या वृत्तपत्रात जाहिरात प्रकाशित केली होती व दि. २०/०३/२०२० रोजी दैनिक 'लोकमत' व 'हितवाद' या वृत्तपत्रात शुध्दीपत्रक प्रकाशित केले होते. सदर जाहिरातीत असे नमूद होते की, ३२ रेंतीघाट प्रस्तावित असून त्यांचा DSR अहवाल शासनाच्या संकेतस्थळावर त्यांनी प्रसिध्द केला होता व त्याबाबत नागरीकांचे सूचना / आक्षेप मागविण्यात आले होते.

सदर प्रकल्पासंबंधी पर्यावरण विषयक सूचना, विचार, टिका-टिप्पणी, अभिप्राय तसेच आक्षेप ही जाहिरात प्रसिद्ध झाल्यापासून ३० दिवसांच्या आत खालील पत्त्यावर नोंदविण्यात याव्यात किंवा या कार्यालयाच्या ईमेलवर पाठविण्यात यावेत.

प्रादेशिक कार्यालय व उप-प्रादेशिक कार्यालय

महाराष्ट्र प्रदूषण नियंत्रण मंडळ,

उद्योग भवन, पहिला माळा, बस स्टॅण्ड समोर, रेल्वे स्टेशन रोड, चंद्रपूर

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- जिल्हाधिकारी कार्यालय, यवतमाळ, जिल्हा परिषद, यवतमाळ, जिल्हा उद्योग केंद्र, यवतमाळ.
- जिल्ह्यातील सर्व उप-विभागीय कार्यालये, सर्व तहसिल कार्यालये, सर्व पंचायत समिती कार्यालये व संबंधित ३२ ग्रामपंचायत कार्यालये, जि. यवतमाळ.

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नागपूर



NOTICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur

District Mining Officer, Mining Department, Collector Office, Yavatmal has applied to the Board for conducting Environmental Public Hearing for their proposed 32 Sand Mining Projects. As per Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, New Delhi Notification dated 14/09/2006 & as amended on 01/12/2009, Public Hearing is proposed to be conducted from environmental angle for above project.

Now, pursuant to the request of project proponent, Public Hearing is proposed to be conducted from environmental angle for above project.

For the same, advertisements were published by Collector Office, Yavatmal in Daily Newspaper 'Lokmat' & Daily Newspaper 'Hitvada' on 19/03/2020 & Corrigendum was published on 20/03/2020 in Daily Newspaper 'Lokmat' & 'Hitvada'. It was mentioned in the advertisement that, the DSR reports of proposed 32 Sand Mining projects are uploaded on Government's website & written suggestions / objections were called by them.

All persons including bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located in the area can participate in public hearing. Oral and written suggestions can also be presented during public hearing to be conducted as per schedule given below.

Date : 09.06.2020

Time : 12:00 PM

Venue : Collector Office, Tal. Dist. Yavatmal

Suggestions, views, comments and objections about the project can be filed at the following address in writing from date of publication of the notice till the date of public hearing or can be sent by email.

**Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus-Stand,
Railway Station Road, Chandrapur - 442 401
Ph. No. 07172- 251965**

**Email :- srochandrapur@mpcb.gov.in
miningofficeryavatmal@gmail.com**

Copies of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report / Environmental Management Plan (EMP) & Executive Summary containing the salient features of the project both in English and Marathi are available at the following offices to the knowledge of concerned. Concerned persons will be provided access to the EIA / EMP report, executive summary of above project during office hours at below mentioned offices.

- (1) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3rd and 4th Floor, Opp. Cine Planet, Near Sion Circle, Sion (E), Mumbai - 400 022.
- (2) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, First Floor, Udyog Bhavan, Opposite Bus -Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- (3) Collector Office, Yavatmal, Zilha Parishad, Yavatmal, District Industries Center, Yavatmal.
- (4) All Sub Divisional Offices, All Tahsil Offices, All Panchayat Samiti Offices & 32 concerned Gram Panchayat Offices, Dist. Yavatmal.

At present, there is outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic & Lockdown has been imposed by Government. If gathering of people could not be possible on the day of Public Hearing due to this Pandemic & Lockdown situation, then the said Public Hearing will be conducted on **Zoom App** by Collector Office, Yavatmal. (This advertisement is published as per approval of Hon'ble District Collector, Yavatmal). Details of Zoom App are as below :-

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Sd/-

**Sub-Regional Officer
MPCB, Chandrapur & Convener
Environment Public Hearing**

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शुद्धीपत्रक

महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ,
चंद्रपूर येथी, यवतमाळ जिल्हाधिकारी
३२ वेते घाटाचे पर्यावरण विषयक
जनसुनावणीबाबत, दि. ०६/०५/२०२०
ला हे. लोकसत्ता, नागपूर आवृत्तीमध्ये
जाहिरात प्रकाशित करण्यात आली
हेली. सवर जाहिरातीमध्ये जनसुनावणी
Zoom App व्दारे जिल्हाधिकारी
कार्यालय, यवतमाळ येथे घेण्यात येणार
आहे तसेच ही जाहिरात जिल्हाधिकारी,
यवतमाळ यांच्या मान्यतेने प्रसिद्ध
करण्यात येत आहे, असे वाचावे.

रखा/-

उप-प्रादेशिक अधिकारी

महाराष्ट्र प्रदुषण नियंत्रण मंडळ, चंद्रपूर येथी
समन्वयक, पर्यावरण विषयक जनसुनावणी

Attendance Sheet

Public Hearing of 32 Sand Ghat of Yavatmal District, dated 09/06/2020

Sr.No.	Name of Person
1	Shri.M Devendar Singh, Collector Yavatmal & Chairman of Public Hearing Panel
2	Shri.Sunil Mahindrakar, Additional Collector Yavatmal
3	Shri. A.M. Kare, Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Chandrapur & Member, Public Hearing Panel
4	Shri. Ajit Patil, Sub- Regional Officer, M.P.C.B. Chandrapur & Convener of Public Hearing
5	Shri.Umesh B.Bhadule, Field Officer MPCB, Chandrapur
6	Shri.Rajendra P.Suryawanshi, Field Officer MPCB, Chandrapur
7	Shri. R.H.Gosavi , Minning Officer
8	Shri.Prateek R.Chinchmalapuri , GSDA Yavatmal
9	Shri.Saurabh S.Motghare, GSDA Yavatmal
10	Shri.Anirudh bakshi
11	Shri.Kunal Zalte
12	Dr.Santosh Bhosale
13	Shri.Ashish Shukla, ETCPL
14	Shri SDO Darwaha, Dist Yavatmal
15	Miss.Takshashila N.Gajbhiye, Jr Geo, Yavatmal
16	Shri. Tehsildar Ralegaon, Dist. Yavatmal
17	Shri.Tahsildar Wani, Dist. Yavatmal
18	Shri.Tahsildar Wani, Dist. Yavatmal
19	Shri.Tehsildar Arni, Dist. Yavatmal
20	Shri.Prof.Arvind Pramod Soni, Aapli Nadi Aapli Reti, Nagpur
21	Shri.Pratap Goswami, Jagrut Kisan Manch, Nagpur.
22	Smt. Sarika Uttarwar, Yavatmal
23	Shri.Sumer Bohra, Yavatmal.
24	Shri Sudhir Paliwal, VEAG, Nagpur.
25	Smt. Sunanda Reddy
26	Shri.Sanjay Ingle
27	Shri Rehan Babukhan Farukhi

28	Shri Anup Kaparathi
29	Shri Devendra Chavhan, Tal Umarched, Dist Yavatmal
30	Shri. Manoj Kukade
31	Shri.Piyush Mungilwar
32	Galaxy 38
33	E9443637
34	Dr. Baraskar
35	Sarika Uttarwar
36	Kaustubh Bhurchandi
37	Galaxy Tab- A
38	Baf5a44
39	Vivo 1807
40	HP
41	Admin2
42	Irfan Faruki
43	Redmi
44	Misbah Khan
45	Prashant Chavhan
46	Abc
47	Bhagyashri PO
48	Rajendra Gosavi
49	Prashil Shukla
50	Manav Amol Naik
51	Aasim Ansari
52	Galaxy M30s
53	Ashok's Ipad
54	Dilip Kulsane
55	Lenovo
56	Oppof1s
57	Nilima Warhade
58	Prabhakar Pande

रेती घाट लिलाव बद्दल

Sadik Sheikh <sheikhsadik56@gmail.com>

Tue 09/06/2020 13:44

To: SRO Chandrapur <srochandrapur@mpcb.gov.in>

सर मी शेख सादीक अब्दुल रउफ पुसद तालुका पुसद जी. यवतमाळ. रा. महाराष्ट्र सर माझी एक वीनंती आहे कि गवरमेड ने दर वर्षीच्या नोव्हेंबर ते जुन या कालावधीत रेती घाट सुरू ठेवावी जेनेकरुन जनतेला योग्य दरात रेती उपलब्ध होतील आणि रेतीच्या धंद्याशी नीगडीत जनतेला रोजगार मीळनार. आणि हे 8 महीने रेती उपसा सुरू असल्याने उरलेले 4 महीने रेती चोरी 80 टक्के कमी होतील कारन हे 4 महीने पावसाचे असल्याने वाहतूक रेती उत्खनन करीता नदी व नाला मध्ये जाने कठीण असते. यामुळे गवरमेड चा महसुल ही बुडनार नाही नुकसान होनार नाही आणि तुम्ही गवरमेड अधिकारी वइतर कर्मचारी यांच्या वर कोनतेही आरोप लागनार नाही. लाच घेऊन रेती माफीयांना मदत करन्या चे आरोप लागनार नाही. ही नम्र वीनंती सर.

Sub: Environmental Public Hearing of 32 Sand Ghats in Yavatmal District

vidarbha environment <veag.nagpur@gmail.com>

Tue 09/06/2020 01:09

To: RO Chandrapur <rochandrapur@mpcb.gov.in>; mpcbchandrapur@mpcb.gov.in <mpcbchandrapur@mpcb.gov.in>;
SRO Chandrapur <srochandrapur@mpcb.gov.in>

To,

08-06-2020

The Convenor,

Environment Public Hearing,

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur - 442401

E Mail : rochandrapur@mpcb.gov.in

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Sub: Environmental Public Hearing of 32 Sand Ghats in Yavatmal District

Dear Sir,

MPCB has proposed Environmental Public Hearing of 23 Sand Ghats in Yavatmal District on 9th June 2020 at 12 pm at Collector Office. It is understood that public hearing will be conducted by Zoom App.

This public hearing needs to be cancelled immediately as during lockdown period of Covid – 19 Government of India has prohibited assembly of people in public places. This public hearing is being conducted illegally as due to Carona Pandemic it is not possible for the stake holders and Environmental groups to attend public hearing. The sand ghats are spread all over Yavatmal District and it is not possible for project affected persons and stake holders to come all the way to attend the public hearing at Yavatmal.

We, Vidarbha Environmental Action Group, strongly object to the procedure for conducting public hearing on "digital platforms" like ZOOM as such procedure is not laid down in MOEF notification 2006 and amendment 2009. Please note that majority of citizens in India are not techno savvy and do not have competence and facility to use digital platform and hence will be deprived of their legitimate and fundamental right of "freedom of expression" as they will not be able to participate in such digital public hearings.

It is submitted that the public hearing must be cancelled as fundamental rights of citizens u/a 14, 19, 21 of constitution of India needs to be protected.

PLEASE NOTE THAT I HAVE FILED A PIL BEFORE BOMBAY HIGH COURT, YAVATMAL BENCH. THE COPY OF THE SAME IS ALREADY SERVED TO STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND MPCB.

You are requested to postpone the Public Hearing till the matter is decided by Hon'ble High Court.

Our objections to the Public Hearing & proposed project are as follows:-

1. The details like Public Notice, EIA Report, DSR, NOC from Gram Panchayat are not available on the web site of the MPCB or Project proponent. During Covid-19 lockdown it is not possible to personally visit the office of MPCB/Collector/Grampanchayat and see the copy of above documents, therefore this public hearing needs to be cancelled immediately.
2. The environmental public hearing of 32 sand ghats is clubbed together which is illegal and therefore needs to be cancelled.
3. Sand and gravel together known as aggregate, represent the highest volume of raw material used on earth after water. Now the mining of sand has reached a level

- threatening the environment and ecosystem.
4. It is recommended that sand mining should be done only after sound scientific assessment and adopting best practices to limit the impact on the environment. However such guidelines are rarely followed.
 5. This public hearing should be cancelled as no regular audit of Sand reserves in Yavatmal district is undertaken by an independent agency. The actual demand of sand in Yavatmal district is not established, excess sand mining will destroy the ecology and also give rise to smuggling.
 6. From the information provided by MPCB on its website for the present public hearing for Sand Ghats in Yavatmal District it is clear that the Pre-Feasibility Report, Mining Plan and Progressive Mine Closure Plan are not based on factual data. The report is prepared without proper survey and therefore needs to be rejected.
 7. The amount of sand proposed to be removed is not in proportion to its replenishment rate and river width.
 8. The above documents are prepared in hurry with sole intention of completing the formalities so that Ghats can be auctioned at the earliest.
 9. The Sand mining in Yavatmal District is unsustainable and will severely impact the flow of rivers across the district.
 10. Removal of sand would also lead to an increase in water pollution and impact biodiversity.
 11. Sand mining will alter the river bed, force the river to change course, erode banks and lead to flooding.
 12. Sand mining will also destroy the habitat of aquatic animals and micro-organisms besides affecting groundwater recharge.
 13. We strongly oppose Sand Mining in Yavatmal District because Sand Mining within or near riverbed has a direct impact on the stream's physical characteristics, such as channel geometry, bed elevation, substratum composition and stability, in-stream roughness of the bed, flow velocity, discharge capacity, sediment transport capacity, turbidity, temperature etc. Alteration or modification of the above attributes may cause hazardous impact on ecological equilibrium of riverine regime. This may also cause adverse impact on in-stream biota and riparian habitats. This disturbance may also cause changes in channel configuration and flow-paths.
 14. The sand mining will increase turbidity which prevents penetration of light required for photosynthesis and reduces food availability of aquatic fauna.
 15. Manual mining is proposed, but in fact it never takes place, over use of machines will kill the river because enforcement and monitoring of guidelines for sustainable mining is very weak in Yavatmal district.
 16. As Sand mining is lucrative business illegal extraction is bound to take place.
 17. Illegal and unscientific sand mining is one of the biggest ecological disasters in modern India. Therefore River sand should be completely banned.
 18. As the Government authorities are ill equipped to prevent unscientific and illegal sand mining, the officers are reluctant to risk their life. In 2017 around 26 people, including journalists and police officers, lost their lives while trying to stop illegal sand mining.
 19. It may please be noted that the 2016 guidelines for sustainable sand mining of Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) does not acknowledge existence of mafia, laying the burden of responsibility to implement sand extraction rules on inadequately trained and equipped district level officers who are vulnerable to threat and attack by the mafia.
 20. Ecological impacts such as loss of habitats and species disturbance are a result of continuous mining of sand due to removal of channel substrate, suspension of sediments and clearance of vegetation.
 21. There is no plan to ensure that the rivers are protected from bank and bed erosion beyond its stable profile.
 22. Riparian habitat including vegetative cover on and adjacent to the river banks controls erosion, provide nutrient inputs into the stream and prevents intrusion of pollutants in the stream through runoff. Sand mining will destroy the riparian

vegetative cover which will cause river bank erosion and change of morphology of the river.

23. In Yavatmal District rivers are a major source of drinking water; Sand mining will pollute the river water leading to water quality deterioration thereby depriving large population from safe drinking water.

24. Many of the sand ghats in Yavatmal district are close to bridge supports, drinking water intake wells, pipe lines or other structures. These structures are at risk of collapse and loss of life, in fact as per Times of India report in August 2016 many people died when a bridge on Savitri River near Mahad in Maharashtra collapsed due to excessive sand mining.

25. Please note that a study by central government revealed that Maharashtra lagged in terms of implementing the sand mining policy despite being a frontrunner in construction activities. It further stated that Maharashtra "is the only state that does not have any figure for the total production of river sand". It noted that the electronic monitoring of the sand extraction process using CCTVs "is followed in some districts". Maharashtra is yet to implement use of geo-fencing and GPS-enabled transportation to check movement of Sand.

26. Enforcement & Monitoring Guidelines for Sand Mining 2020 issued by MoEF&CC are not considered while preparing the DSR or EMP.

27. Under such circumstances no public hearing should be conducted till mining policy is implemented and also CCTVs are installed in all sand ghats of Yavatmal district.

28. River Sand mining in Maharashtra should be immediately stopped. Many States like Tamilnadu, Karnataka & Kerala have banned River Sand mining. These states are exploring options like manufactured sand, produced by crushing of rocks and quarry stones.

29. The Swachh Bharat Mission (under MoUD) envisages processing of 100% solid waste generated in cities / towns as a key objective, which includes Construction & Demolition wastes. Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) vide its circular dated 28th June, 2012 directed all states to set up C & D waste recycling facilities in all cities with population of over 1 million. C & D Waste Management Rules, 2016 – Notification issued by MOEF&CC promote recycling of Sand recovered from C & D waste. Such recycled sand can meet substantial requirement of sand in many cities.

30. Industrial solid waste like Steel Plant Slag and Fly Ash are being used to manufacture artificial sand which is a green building material and has potential to meet nationwide demand of Sand.

31. The project proponent has failed to conduct replenishment study for river bed sand in order to nullify the adverse impacts arising due to excessive sand extraction.

32. Yavatmal district have forests like Tipeswar, Tivsala, Umbarda, Bitargoan. Tipeswar and Painganga are wildlife sanctuaries most of the rivers in Yavatmal flow through these forests. Extracting sand from these rivers is not sustainable as it will destroy the fragile ecology of the region. These rivers are used as corridor by wild animals including Tigers. These rivers are also habitat of many rare species of aquatic creatures and Fishes. Sand Mining in such area will lead to poaching in large scale, which is serious offence under Wildlife Protection act.

In view of above submissions we request you to record our objections and cancel the Public Hearing as river sand mining is not sustainable for fragile ecology of Yavatmal District.

You are also requested to read out our objections during the Public Hearing.

**Thanking You,
Yours Sincerely,**

Sudhir Paliwal

**Convener,
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Please find below the comments and questions pertaining to the above-referred projects. We request you to kindly cancel the public hearing, as during the lockdown period of COVID – 19 Government of India has prohibited assembly of people in public places. We had a problem while connecting to the zoom application to attend the public hearing held on 04th June for Gadchiroli District. Hence, it seems that it will be impossible for the locals to attend the public hearing via a zoom application or any other digital platform. We request you to kindly forward our letter to the project proponent as per the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 and ensure that the queries raised are addressed appropriately.

1. The copy of the draft EIA report was not made available to anyone due to the lockdown in the entire country. It is important to make available the soft copy of the EIA report on the public domain as this will give a fair opportunity to all concerned individuals, groups, and organizations to submit their detailed representations.
2. Kindly furnish a copy of the draft EIA report.
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33. It is scientifically proven that the mines dramatically alter landscapes, significantly impact wildlife and wildlife corridors, shift population demographics, and pollute and degrade the environment.
34. Kindly provide the details of the Consultant/Organization who prepared the EIA report of the proposed project. Is the Consultant/Organization having certification from QCI/NABET to carry out EIA studies? Please furnish a copy of the NABET certificate of the Consultant/Organization.
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36. Please furnish the details of Eco-Sensitive Zones of Protected areas around the proposed project along with the maps.
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39. What are the other allied activities proposed along with the project?
40. Kindly provide us with the list of all closed, ongoing, and proposed sand mines, industries, and other infrastructural projects in the study area of 10km along with their GPS Coordinates.
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44. Please specify whether the proposal has been submitted to the National Tiger Conservation Authority for Clearance.
45. Kindly provide a copy of the cumulative impact assessment study for all the existing and proposed projects in the 15 km radius from the proposed sand mines.
46. Please furnish the copy of carrying capacity studies conducted, if any, of the region.
47. How will the sand be transported? What mechanisms will be used to suppress the dust during the transport of the sand? Are there any roads proposed to be built to provide connectivity to this region?
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49. What will be the impact of vehicular movement from the sand mine on the environment and ecology of the region?
50. What are the proposed mitigation measures for the same?
51. Are there any further expansion plans for the proposed mine? Kindly provide all the documents related to the proposed expansion, if any.
52. Please provide the details of the expected deterioration of water quality. Please furnish studies on the same, if any.
53. How will this impact the livelihoods of local communities?
54. What are the mitigation measures proposed for the same?
55. Please furnish a copy of the Social Impact Assessment study report for the proposed project.

56. During the runoff of water, what would be the downstream impact of the overburden and additional sand that will flow along with the runoff?
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60. What facilities will be provided for drivers and cleaners?
61. What facilities will be provided for the workers of the mines? Are there any proposed housing facilities for them?
62. Will there be any cooking facilities provided to the workers? Will cooking fuel be provided? Kindly provide all the details.
63. Kindly furnish the details of the sanitary facilities and sewage treatment proposed for the area.
64. What facilities are being provided for medical emergencies? Will this be free of cost in the case of work-related accidents?
65. The acquisition of land will also lead to fragmentation of the land and will lead to a change in the land use and land cover of the area. What steps are proposed to minimize this impact?
66. Are any measures proposed to safeguard the diversity? Please provide details for the same.
67. Please give details of proposed mitigation measures to protect the flora and fauna of the area.
68. Are there any near threatened, vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered species of flora and fauna found in the area? Please furnish with details of the same.
69. Are there any species under Schedule I and II of the Wild Life Protection Act (1972) observed in the area? Please furnish the details of the same.
70. Please furnish copies of any ecological studies conducted for the proposed mine.
71. Please furnish a copy of the Disaster Management Plan, the Maximum Credible Accident Scenario, and the Evacuation Plans during an emergency.
72. What are the mitigation measures that will be undertaken for protecting the wildlife corridors and ensuring the free movement of Wildlife?
73. Kindly furnish a copy of the approved mine closure plan.

Yours faithfully,

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Dated: 01-06-2020

To

**The Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur,
Maharashtra.**

Sub: - Suggestions and Support for Public Hearing dated 09-06-2020 of proposed Sand Mining in Yavatmal district proposed by District mining officer, Yavatmal, Maharashtra.

Sir,

I V.Sunanda Reddy, I am the first environmentalist in India to support the Sustainable industrial development. My best wishes and support to the management. Generally Environmentalists opposes Mining activity. But I am whole heartedly supporting the Mining activity because in India approximately 40 Crore youth between the age group 18to 35 years are waiting for employment opportunities and there is urgent need of industrial development in Maharashtra State. At the same time there is a great necessity to protect the ecological balance. I am giving you few suggestions to maintain the Ecological balance and development of your Mining activity.

1. Your consultant has already conducted baseline survey of air, water, land it is very good. My request is to collect the data of the health status of the people, Crop, Production status and ground water availability status within 10 Kms radius. It is very useful in future and utilize as a parameter to take precautionary affective measures to maintain ecological maintenance. If there is any possibility to add this report in final EIA report it is great welcoming.
2. My request and suggestion to you is to take up mining activity in phased manner like Hector by Hector. i.e., when completed one Hector and then you start another Hector. Mining for the sand ghat excavation is proposed to be carried out manually with open cast method of mining engaging labor with help of crowbars, hand shovel, pickaxes and baskets. Loading will be carried out manually. You should follow guidelines of mining plan approved by BGM, govt. of Maharashtra.
3. In the land you are proposing for mining, certain amount of rain water will be received. My humble request to you is to construct water harvesting structures and storage structures to store the water. It is useful for your usage in Industry and also improves ground water levels in this area.

4. I appreciate that you have planned to take up plantation. My Suggestion is to take up 40-50% plantation which is very essential to control pressure on ecological Balance because Indian population is increasing 10 crores for every 10 years and it is very pressurized on natural resources.
5. Please take up village plantation in nearby villages. Also consider avenue plantation in nearby villages whose internal roads are being used by your vehicles to transport the materials. This can control dust pollution. My request is you should give priority to plant fruit bearing plants and medicinal value plants instead of normal plants. It is very beneficial to control dust pollution as well as fruits and medicinal valued plants are available in nearby villages.
6. Please give top priority to the local educated unemployed youth to give employment in your Mining activity.
7. My humble request is to promote skill development trainings to unemployed youth to get better skills so as to get employment opportunity in your Mining activity. These Trainings also helps remaining youth to get jobs in other places. In countries like Japan and Korea, 96 percent youth got skill development trainings. But in India only 5 to 6 percent youth have skill development trainings.
8. My request is to form a Co-ordination committee with your company officials, Govt Officials, PCB officials and villagers to take up plan of action of CSR budget. It is effectively helping and meaningful to take up demand oriented works which is essential to village development. Please discourage target oriented works, as this activity gives great credibility to you.

Once again my best wishes and support to your mining development. But at the same time please maintain the Ecological balance, environmental safety and public health safety.

I also congratulate environment consultancy which has prepared detailed EIA report to your Project and is very good and satisfactory.

Finally I am requesting the public hearing panel committee to recommend to MOEFCC to give unconditional permission to sand mining in Yavatmal district, Maharashtra.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully



(V. Sunanda Reddy)
Environmentalist.