

Minutes of Public Hearing for Proposed Londhare Sand Ghat (Taluka Shirpur) of Dhule District conducted on 5/03/2021

Convener of public hearing Mrs. Saujanya Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule welcomed the Chairman of public hearing panel, Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nashik who was attending the hearing New Administrative Building, Tahasil Office, Shirpur and all citizens who was attending the public hearing Then the public hearing was started with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman Shri. Sanjay Gaikwad, Uppar District Magistrate Dhule.

First of all, 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 and Climate Change dated 14/9/2006 and Amendment dated 1/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance.

Project Proponent District Mining Officer, Dhule has submitted proposal on 14/01/2021 along with requisite fee for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed sand excavation activity at Londhare sand ghat, Taluka Shirpur of Dhule District.

Convener further explained that Mining Department, Central Government has published 'Sand Mining Frame Work, 2018' in March 2018. In which certain guidelines are given for sand excavation. Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT) in its order dated 19/9/2018 in the matter of OA No. 368/2015 issued directions to coordinate with Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and to make necessary changes in the policies as per Sustainable sand Mining Guidelines, 2016 and Sand Mining Frame Work, 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 citizens' 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.

According to the application received to MPC Board for conducting public hearing the date for the public hearing is fixed as per the approval of Hon'ble District Collector, Dhule. The notice for the public hearing was published in Marathi Daily 'Lokmat' and English Daily 'The Times of India' dated 03/02/2021. The documents containing the information of proposed sand ghats were made available at the respective grampanchayats and other Government offices as given below for the knowledge of the people.

- 1) Collector Office, Dhule
- 2) District Industries Centre, Dhule
- 3) Jilha Parishad, Dhule
- 4) Municipal Council, Shirpur, Tal. Shirpur, Dist. Dhule
- 5) Tahsil Office, Shirpur, Dist. Dhule
- 6) Sub-Divisional Office, Shirpur, Dist. Dhule

- 7) Grampanchayat Office, Londhare, Tal. Shirpur, Dist. Dhule
- 8) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Second Floor, Fulchand Plaza, Opp. SSVPS College, Biladi Road, Devpur, Dhule
- 9) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Tryambak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik-422007
- 10) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Third Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022
- 11) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Fifteenth Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai
- 12) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Bldg., Civil Lines, Nagpur-440001

Thereafter, Mr. Ghodke Kishor, Mining Officer, on behalf of Project Proponent gave a brief presentation on proposed sand ghat and measures proposed for pollution control during sand excavation.

After the presentation, convener informed that no any written representation received regarding the public hearing of sand ghats.

She then appealed participants to express their views, objections, instructions etc. The details of views expressed by participants and replies given by project proponent is as below.

Sr. No.	Name of Participant and views expressed	Response of project proponent
1	Mr. Pradip Gokul Patil – Which road will be utilized for transportation of excavated sand.	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – He said the road outside the village would be used.
2	Mr. Nilesh Ravindra Wagh – He has been watching for the last 5 years. He said that not find plenty of sand at Londhare. Due to this sand excavation the water level is going down. The people of the village had no drinking water for 2 years. The question should be sorted out first.	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – As excavation up to 1 meters has been allowed, there will be no effect. Ground Water will be surveyed from competent authority and Ground Water will not be affected.
3	Mr. Nitin Koli – Farmers' borewells have gone deep up to 150 to 250 feet. Contracts were awarded in the past but the promises made by the contractors did not materialize. When sand is transported through the village, the entire roads in the village will be damaged. I am totally against this sand contract and I will go on a hunger strike.	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – The contractor will be given a preconceived notion of constructing a road outside the village to transport sand.
4	Mr. Pradip Patil – We will ban the use of sand transport vehicles on our village roads.	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – The contractor will be given a preconceived notion of constructing a road outside the village to transport sand.
5	Shri. Sanjay Gaiwad, Uppar District Magistrate - The sand auction will be held as per the policy decided by the government.	--

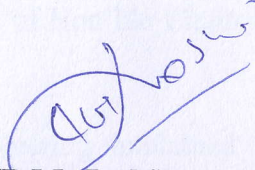
6	Mr. Anil Mali, Shirpur – This village should get sand.	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – Action will be taken as per Government sand policy.
7	Mr. Dipak Dattu Girase – Who will control sand excavation and how you will going to control in terms of sand.	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – Village Vigilance Committees, Tehsildars, SDO, Zilla Prashasan can control them as per the rules laid down by the Government.
8	Shri. Sanjay Gaikwad, Uppar District Magistrate – Various vigilance committees will be constituted as per government rules, administration will take necessary action as per government sand policy. Whatever sand policy will be there accordingly Government will take stand the said is a being taken on record in the proceedings. He said that questions should be asked according to the context.	--
9	Mr. Rohit Shete – We should get 100 percent guaranteed price and we should get contracts.	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – We have taken note of this in the proceeding.
10	Mr. Radhesham Ratilal Chudhari – He said that if Maharashtra-Gujarat smuggling is stopped, there will be no accidents.	--
11	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer, Dhule- If anyone has any more questions you can ask.	--
12	Mr. Mohan Borse, (Divya Marathi) – No one pays attention to the people who are harassing the contractors," he said. Similarly, due to sand extraction of Upparpind, the rocks fell and even if the child died there, there are no rules in the contract given. And Poklad dug a 50-foot hole.	Shri. Sanjay Gaikwad, Uppar District Magistrate - The incident at Upparpind has been investigated. In that regard, the previous proceedings have been completed. The government has also selected a village vigilance committee for this. The first right belongs to the villagers. You are saying that sand is coming from Gujarat. Instead, an auction should be held in Maharashtra as well. The conditions and rules have been imposed by the government. The auction will have to be held accordingly. If sand becomes available through auction, the chows will stop.
13	Mr. Kishor Girase – He said that in order to abide by the relevant rules, a letter of guarantee should be obtained from the contractor on a stamp paper of Rs.100	Mr. Kishor Ghodke, District Mining Officer – According to the government sand policy, the contractor is bound to abide by the government terms and conditions.

Convener of Public Hearing Mrs. Saujanya Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Dhule and Chairman of Public Hearing Mr. Sanjay Gaikwad, Additional District Magistrate appealed to all participants to express their views, if any. Thereafter no one comes forward to express their views.

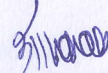
Mrs. Saujanya Patil informed that the all the issues raised by the participants are noted. Then with the permission of Hon'ble Chairman she declared that the public hearing is concluded.



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