

Minutes of the Public Hearing in respect of proposed 5 Nos. of Sand Belts in the Satara District i.e. Village Vathar BK, Tal-Khandala (1 sand plot), Village Jihe, Tal-Satara (1 sand plot), Village Songaon S.Nimb, Tal-Satara (1 sand plot), Village Gojegaon, Tal-Satara (1 sand plot) & Village Bhurakwadi & Siddheshwar Kuroli, Tal-Khatav (1 sand plot) Dist-Satara by Project Proponent Satara District Mining Officer, District Collector Office, Satara, Dist-Satara, Maharashtra.

- Ref :
- 1) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi's Notification Dated 14-09-2006 and Amended Notification Dated 01-12-2009
 - 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi's Office Memorandum Dated 14-09-2020;
 - 3) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board's directives vide no. B-200917-FTS-0082, Dated 17-09-2020
 - 4) Directives as issued by Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumai dated 03-12-2019

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As per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEFCC, GoI), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Office Order No. E-30, of 2021 issued BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B- 210316-FTS-0073, Dated 16-03-2021 as below :-

- 1) District Magistrate, Satara
or his representative not below the
rank of an Additional District Magistrate

- Chairman

2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Pune
(Representative of
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)

Member

3) Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Satara

Convener

Shri L. S. Bhad, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Satara and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee while welcoming all informed that as this Physical Public Hearing is arranged in the background of Covid-19, we all have to follow the directives of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi dated 14-09-2020 [referred at sr. no. (2)] and subsequent Order as issued by Maharashtra Pollution Control Board dated 17-09-2020 [referred at sr. no. (3)] above. Hence, 100 persons are allowed at a time in the meeting hall in a session. If the participants are more, subsequent sessions will continue until all the participants are given opportunities to attend the meeting.

As per the directives, it is requested all the participants to follow strict guidelines of Govt. of India. The thermal checking and use of sanitizer is kept at the entrance of the meeting hall and in the meeting hall, it is compulsory to wear mouth mask and follow the social distancing amongst the persons.

Convener of the Public Hearing Meeting welcomed Shri Sunil Thorve, Additional District Magistrate, Satara and Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, Project Officials, Government Officials, Environmentalist, Journalists and public who were present in large number and informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, Gol) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009 and as per the directives as issued by Environment & Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai dated 03-12-2019, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of application of Project Proponent District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Satara to conduct public hearing for proposed 5 Nos. of Sand Belts in the Satara District i.e. Village Vathar BK, Tal-Khandala (1 sand plot), Village Jihe, Tal-Satara (1 sand plot), Village Songaon S.Nimb, Tal-Satara(1 sand plot), Village Gojegaon, Tal-Satara(1 sand plot) & Village Bhurakwadi & Siddheshwar Kuroli, Tal-Khatav (1 sand plot) Dist-Satara.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the unit.

Shri Bhad, Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that this public hearing on 16/03/2021 is approved by District Collector, Satara for which 30 days in advance public notice was published as per provisions in the Notification in local newspaper Daily Sakal for Marathi and in national newspaper in The Indian Express on 18th February, 2021. The people were appealed to send any suggestions, objections regarding expansion of the proposed project in environmental angle only.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available to general public at various notified offices of Government i.e. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, West-East Division Office, New Secretariat Building, Ground Floor, East Wing, Civil Lines, Nagpur - 440 001; District Magistrate Office-Satara; Zilla Parishad Office-Satara; District Industries Centre Office, Satara; Tahasildar Satara, Tahasil Office, Satara, Tal & Dist.- Satara. , Tahasildar Khandala, Tahasil Office, Khandala, Tal-Khandala, Dist.- Satara. , Tahasildar Khatav (Vaduj), Tahasil Office, Khatav (Vaduj), Tal -Khatav, Dist.- Satara. Gampanchayat Vathar Bk, Tal-Khandala, Dist.- Satara. Gampanchayat Jihe, Tal & Dist.- Satara. Gampanchayat Songaon S.Nimb, Tal & Dist.- Satara. Gampanchayat Gojegaon, Tal & Dist.- Satara. 16) Gampanchayat Bhurakwadi, Tal-Khatav, Dist.- Satara. Gampanchayat Siddheshwar Kuroli, Tal-Khatav, Dist.- Satara; Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara; Regional Office, MPCB, Pune and at Head Office of MPCB at Mumbai; Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mumbai and on the website of MPCB. The public were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project.

He informed that not a single objection is received by Mr. Bhad, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Satara. He appealed Hon'ble Chairman to allow to start the proceedings.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee asked Environment Consultant to provide information about Environment Management Plan in official and local language Marathi. Project Proponent and Consultant has presented details of EMP regarding 03 sand spots. After the Presentation, Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed the participants to raise their views, suggestions/objections regarding the EMP of the proposed project.

Followings have participated during the discussions and raised Questions and detailed information and answers given by the Project Proponent / Project Consultant :-

1) Shri. Mahesh Jadhav, Member of Grampanchayat Jihe, Tal & Dist-Satara:-
Environmental public hearing sand sites will be auctioned or how?
Which method is used for sand extraction?

- The Project Environmental Consultant replied that the sand sites will be auctioned and the sand extraction will be done in the traditional way with shovels and Ghamela.

2) Shrimati. Madhuri Ganesh Shinde, Sarpanch of Grampanchayat Songaon S. Nimb, Tal & Dist-Satara:-
Will this sand subsidence be transported through the village? If the road is damaged during traffic, will the road be repaired?

- The project environmental consultant replied that it is possible that sand dredging will not be done on the main road of the village. In that case we can use another route as an alternative. He said that this has been considered in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). The precautions will be taken to avoid the damage. But if at all it is damaged, The District Environment Committee will also look into it. If the road concerned is metalled road, then you are not driving on that road. However, if it goes wrong, the concerned committee will take further action. The budget provides for road repairs. Funds for road repairs will be provided to the Gram Panchayat from the secondary mineral fund

3) Shri. Mahesh Jadhav, Member of Grampanchayat Jihe, Tal & Dist-Satara:-
How many feet of sand excavation would be allowed?

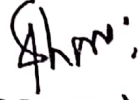
- The project environmental consultant replied that sand excavation will not be done below 1 meter.

Convener of the Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed participants to raise any suggestions, objections regarding the project. There was no response.

Convener informed that the suggestions, objections raised during the meeting are noted and it will be included in the minutes of the meeting. The objections received in writing will be submitted alongwith the minutes of the meeting to Government alongwith Environment Report to Environment & Climate Change Department, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai. An Expert Committee will take further decision.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee to raise the suggestions, objections. There was no response.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee thanked local people for attending the meeting the raising the objections. He thanked local people, project officials, government officials and on behalf of the Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing declared that the meeting is over.
The meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.

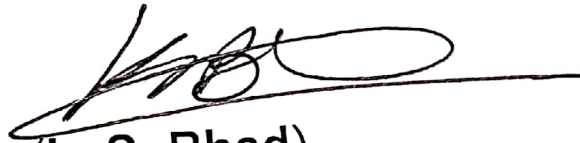


(Sunil Thorve),
Chairman

Environment Public Hearing Committee

And

Additional District Magistrate, Satara
District – Satara



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