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No. MPCB/SROJ/120 /2021

Date:- 24/05/2021

To,
The Joint Director (WPC),
M.P.C. Board,
Mumbai.

Sub:- Minutes of Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed sand Belt at Godavari River Bed Gat No. 237, 236, 235, 231, 185, Vill. Changatpuri, Tal. Partur, Dist. Jalna proposed by The District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Jalna, (GoM).

Ref:- Environmental Public Hearing conducted on 23/04/2021.

Sir,

With reference to above subject matter, the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of proposed sand Belt at Godavari River Bed Gat No. 237, 236, 235, 231, 185, Vill. Changatpuri, Tal. Partur, Dist. Jalna proposed by The District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Jalna, (GoM). is conducted on 23/04/2021. The Minutes of said Public Hearing (English & Marathi) along with all necessary details such as Attendance Sheet, Photographs & Video C.D., copy of draft EIA Report, Executive Summary, etc. are enclosed herewith in triplicate.

Submitted for favour of information and further needful, please.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Yogini
(Dr. Yogini A. Balankhe)
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Jalna.

D.A. : As above.

Copy submitted for information to :-
The Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad.

Copy to the Project Proponent :- The District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Jalna, (GoM). for information.

MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED SAND SPOT LOCATED AT GAT NO. 237, 236, 235, 231, 185, VILLAGE CHANGATPURI, PARTUR TALUKA IN JALNA DISTRICT, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY DISTRICT MINING OFFICER, COLLECTOR OFFICE, JALNA, (GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA), MAHARASHTRA CONDUCTED ON 23/04/2021 AT 11.00 A.M. AT COLLECTOR OFFICE, JALNA VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING/ZOOM MEETING APP.

An environmental public hearing in respect of **Proposed Sand Spot located at Changatpuri village, Partur Taluka in Jalna District** proposed by District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Jalna (Govt. of Maharashtra), Maharashtra was conducted on 23/03/2021 at 11.00 a.m. at Collector Office, Jalna via Video Conferencing/Zoom Meeting App.

Following Panel members were present during the public hearing via Video Conferencing/Cisco Webex Meeting App. :

1. **Shri. Keshav Netke,**
Residential District Collector
Dist: Jalna. Chairman.
2. **Dr. Pravin Joshi**
Regional Officer
MPCB, Aurangabad. Member.
3. **Dr. Yogini A. Balankhe,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Jalna. Convener.

Dr. Yogini Balankhe, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcome Hon'ble Chairman of the public hearing committee, officials, public representatives and public who were present on online app and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee she gave information in brief about the necessity of public hearing for the said proposed project of sand belt in the Jalna District particularly from Partur, Taluka proposed by the District Mining Officer, Jalna, Collector Office, Jalna, Maharashtra.

She informed that as per the EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEFCC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public hearing to certain projects which are covered in the Schedule of the said Notification. The Addl. District Collector, Jalna has submitted application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 04.02.2021 for conducting the public hearing for proposed sand belts in the Jalna District from Partur taluka proposed by the District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Jalna, Maharashtra. The District Collector and Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel directed to conduct the said public hearing at Collector office, Jalna through online App due to current COVID lockdown. The District Collector and Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel has nominated Shri Keshav Netake, RDC Jalna as Chairman of the said Public Hearing.

The Convener further informed that, the aim of conducting public hearing is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the mining activity to be carried out in the proposed sand belts in the Jalna District and environment management plan for the said activity.

As per said Notification, one month advance public notice was published in the local newspapers in Daily Sakal for Marathi and in national newspaper The Times of India for English on 21th March, 2021. The public were appealed to send their suggestions or objections regarding the project.

Also a copy of EIA report and executive summery was made available at various offices of Government i.e.

- The District Collector, Jalna.
- District Industries Centre, Jalna.
- CEO Zilha Parishad Jalna.
- Tahasildar, Tahsil Office Tal. Partur, Dist. Jalna.
- Grampanchayat Office, Villages : Tq. Partur Village- Changatpuri.

- Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalna.
- Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board Aurangabad.
- HQ, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sion, Mumbai-22.
- Environment Deptt. Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

The public in general were appealed to send any objection / suggestion regarding the above project to the offices through E.Mail or letter.

The Convener further informed that Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna has not received any objection / suggestion regarding this project till the date of public hearing. She requested and appealed the participant of the hearing to give their suggestions or objections if any? During this public hearing in oral or written format. The same will be incorporated in the minutes of the public hearing.

She appealed Chairman of the Committee to allow the Environmental Consultant for giving the presentation & the Chairman directed to give the presentation in this matter.

In response to this, the Environment Consultant has given the presentation of the project and Environment Management Plan in detail in Marathi. i.e. Environmental Clearance is sought for sand belt located in Partur Taluka in Jalna District. The said information is recorded in the CD and in the minutes of the hearing. As per Govt. of Maharashtra letter No. Sankim – 2019 / p.k. 01 / Ta.K.3 dated Dec. 3, 2019, Public Hearing has to be conducted for mines Less than 5 hectares.

During presentation, consultant informed that in the said mining opencast manual method without drilling and blasting will be adopted. Only manual tools such as spade, Ghamelas will be used. The excavation of sand will be done from dry riverbed only. For control of air pollution periodic water sprinkling will be done on katcha roads, which will be used for sand transport. The sand will be transported through tractor trolleys & trucks covered with tarpaulin. The mining and sand transport will be carried out during day time only for control of noise pollution. For control of water pollution sand mining will be carried out in dry riverbed only. The depth of mine pit will be maintained above river

water level. The river streams will not be diverted to form inactive channels. The washing of vehicles in the river will be prohibited. Due care will be taken to avoid of the generation of any effluent from the mining activities. The mobile toilets will be provided to the workers. The mining will be avoided during monsoon and floods this will allow the sand deposit to replenish. For control of land environment mining will not exceeds beyond the allowed extraction capacity. The plantation will be developed along with the river bank and nearby the spaces. According to Green Belt Development Plan 500 trees will be planted. For occupational health safety management mine operators will be provided with personal protective equipments. The first aid kit will be provided at the mining site. The proposed project will provide indirect employment opportunities to local residents. Due care will be taken for protection of the environment.

After completion of the presentation, Dr. Yogini Balankhe, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants in the said public hearing to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any? so as to enable to take the note of the same in the proceedings. Further, she requested the participants to tell name, address before raising any suggestions, views, comments etc., if any?

The details of the sand belt is stated as below for information. The participants present in the concerned Tahsil Office and concerned Tahsildar were requested to give suggestions, views, comments etc., if any?

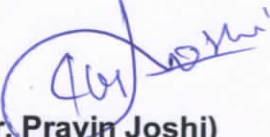
He briefed the details of Sand Spot as under:

Sr. No	Sand Spot	Gut No.	Total Area – ha	Available storage for auction in brass
1	Changatpuri	237,236,235,231,185	4.81	12761


After concluding the presentation of the said project by the Project Proponent, **Dr. Yogini Balankhe** requested all the online public participants to keep the video on and mute the Audio. While asking doubts about said proposed project of Sand Spot, same may be expressed by telling their name and village name after unmuting the audio. She also requested the concerned Talathi, Gramsevak to write down the name, village name, Mobile number alongwith doubts of the person who will express the doubts as the same is to be incorporated in the minutes of said public hearing. Dr. Pravin Joshi, Regional Officer, MPCB, Aurangabad and member of Public Hearing on Environment raised the issue of making financial provision for environmental management. The project consultants agreed to address this issue.

Also about the excavation of this desert written objection has been received on 23/04/2021. The project proponent submitted reply for the same, these letter are submitted with this proceedings.

Lastly, the Public Hearing ended with a vote of thanks to the **Chair**.


(Dr. Pravin Joshi)
Member
Public Hearing Committee
And
Regional Officer
MPCB, Aurangabad.


(Keshav Netke)
Chairman
Public Hearing Committee
And
Residential District Collector, Jalna


(Dr. Yogini Balankhe)
Convener
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