

## **Minutes of Public Hearing of Proposed Sand Ghats on Tapi River at Savalda, Aarale, Amalthe Tal. Nandrbar & Kouthal Tasa, Kurhawad Tasa, Tal. Shahada, of Nandurbar District conducted on 14/02/2023**

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Public hearing for proposed sand ghats on Tapi River at Savalda, Aarale, Amalthe Tal. Nandrbar & Kouthal Tasa, Kurhawad Tasa, Tal. Shahada, of Nandurbar District conducted at Collector Office, Nandurbar on 14/02/2023 at 11:00 AM respectively. The said public hearing convened under Chairmanship of Shri. Sudhir Khande, Resident Deputy Collector (RDC) and Additional District Magistrate, Nandurbar.

Hon'ble Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board issued order dtd. 19/01/2023 towards constitution of panel to conduct the said public hearing having Regional Officer (RO), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Nashik as member and Sub-Regional Officer (SRO), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule as convener. Convener informed Chairman that RO, MPCB, Nashik could not attend the said public hearing due to prior engagements.

Shri. Pranav Pakhale, SRO, MPCB, Dhule and convener of public hearing welcomed Hon'ble Chairman, Shri. Deepak Chavan, District Mining Officer, Nandurbar, and all citizens.

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 14/09/2006 and Amendment dated 01/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance. Project Proponent. Resident Deputy Collector, Nandurbar has submitted proposal to MPCB on 21/12/2022 along with requisite fees for conducting the environmental public hearing for proposed sand excavation activity on sand ghats of Tapi River at Savalda, Aarale, Amalthe Tal. Nandurbar & Kouthal Tasa, Kurhawad Tasa, Tal. Shahada, of Nandurbar District.

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, Nandurbar. The notice for the public hearing was published in Marathi Daily 'Lokmat' and English 'The Times of India' Daily Newspaper on dated 11/01/2023. 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/ information of the people.

- 1) Collector Office, Nandurbar
- 2) Zilha Parishad, Nandurbar
- 3) District Industries Centre, Nandurbar
- 4) Sub-Divisional Office, Nandurbar, Dist. Nandurbar
- 5) Sub-Divisional Office, Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
- 6) Tahsil Office, Nandurbar, Dist. Nandurbar
- 7) Tahsil Office, Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
- 8) Grampanchayat Office, Savalda, Aarale & Amalthe, Tal. & Dist. Nandurbar
- 9) Grampanchayat Office, Kouthal Tasa, & Kurhawad Tasa, Tal. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar
- 10) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Second Floor, Fulchand Plaza, Opp. SSVPS College, Biladi Road, Devpur, Dhule
- 11) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Triambak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik-422007

- 12) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Third Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022
- 13) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Fifteenth Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai

Convener of public hearing 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. Convener of the public hearing mentioned that they have not received any complaint / concern / suggestion via e-mail or letter to Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule.

List of Officers and participants.

1. Shri. Kiran Bhojesing Girase – Aarale
2. Shri. M. S. Pawar – Kouthal Tasa.
3. Shri. Pradip Subhashsing Girase – Aarale
4. Shri. Vijay K. Yadav

Convener with approval of Hon'ble Chairman requested project proponent to give presentation. Project proponent gave presentation on proposed sand mining at Savalda, Aarale, Amalthe Tal. Nandbar & Kouthal Tasa, Kurhawad Tasa, Tal. Shahada, of Nandurbar


Thereafter, representative of project proponent gave a presentation on proposed Sand Ghats and proposed measures for pollution control during sand excavation.

Convener 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.	<p><b>Shri. Pradip Subhashsing Girase–Aarale</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> Aarale sand ghat on Tapi river is covered due to back water, how will the sand be excavated?</p> <p><b>B.</b> Will sand extraction be done by suction pump?</p> <p><b>C.</b> What measures will be taken if roads are damaged due to sand transport.</p>	<p><b>Shri. Dipak Chavan, District Mining Officer:</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> The Sand Ghat starts drying up at the end of March. However, a report will be obtained from the Irrigation Department again in this regard and the sand will be excavated only after the riverbed is dry.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Sand extraction will be done by conventional method (spade, shovel etc.) rather than mechanical methods such as suction pump.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Part of funds will be made available under the District Mineral Foundation.</p>

Convener of Public Hearing Shri. Pranav Pakhale, Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board Dhule and Chairman of Public Hearing Shri. Sudhir Khande, RDC and Additional District Magistrate, Nandurbar appealed to all participants to express their views, if any. However, no one came forward to express their views.

Shri. Pranav Pakhale, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Dhule informed that the all the issues raised by the participants are noted. Hon'ble Chairman thanked all citizens for attending the said public hearing and expressing their views and declared that the public hearing is concluded.

  
27/2/23

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Convener &  
Sub-Regional Officer,  
MPC Board, Dhule

  
27-2-2023

**(Sudhir Khande)**  
Chairman & RDC and  
Additional District Magistrate,  
Nandurbar