

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IN RESPECT OF PROPOSED TWO NOS OF SAND GHAT DREDGING AT TALUKA -KALWAN, DISTRICT –NASHIK, MAHARASHTRA PROPOSED BY DISTRICT MINING OFFICE, NASHIK, MAHARASHTRA**

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The public hearing in respect of proposed two nos of Sand Ghat Dredging at Kalwan Taluka, Dist – Nashik proposed by District Mining Officer, Nashik, Maharashtra was conducted on Monday, the 21<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2023 at 12.00 p.m. at Panchayt Samiti Hall, Administrative Building, Manur, Tal-Kalwan, Dist – Nashik, Maharashtra.

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 –83 of 2021 issued under letter no.BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B – 210916-FTS-0093, Dated 16-09-2021 as below :-

- 1) District Magistrate, Nashik - **Chairman**  
or his representative not below the  
rank of an Additional District Magistrate
- 2) Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik - **Member**  
(Representative of  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board)
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, - **Convener**  
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,  
Nashik

Shri Amar Durgule, Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Nashik and Convener of the Public Hearing Committee welcomed Hon'ble Chairman and Member of the Public Hearing Committee, Other Government Officials 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, GoI) dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 as amended on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that Project Proponent – District Mining Officer, Nashik proposed two nos of Sand Ghat located- one at River Girna and One at River Punad for dredging in Kalwan Taluka Dist. Nashik. MPCB is in receipt of the application from Project Proponent – District Mining Office, Nashik, to conduct the public consultation.

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the directives issued by Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra as per letter 03-12-2019 directed to conduct prior public hearing for sand Ghat mining (minor mineral). As per the Notification of MoEFCC, GoI, 2006, the project falls under Category 2 (b), and prior consultation is mandatory for it.

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 project.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published in the local newspaper in Daily "Sakal" in Marathi on 21.01.2023 and in national newspaper in the "Deshdoot" in English on 21.01.2023. The public were asked to send their suggestions or objections regarding the proposed sand Ghats mining.

As per the Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India (MoEFCC, GoI), the copies of detail information of Environment Management Plan (EMP) and Executive Summary of the proposed sand Ghats in English and in Marathi (local language) were made available at various notified offices of Government i.e. Director, Environment & Climate Change Department, GoM, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, New Administrative Building, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032; District Magistrate Office-Nashik; Zilla Parishad Office-Nashik; Joint Director, M.P.C. Board Kalpataru Point, Sion, Mumbai Grampanchayat office at Nakode and Kakane, Tal-Kalwan, Dist – Nashik, SDO and Tahshil Office –Kalwan, Regional Office, MPCB, Nashik; and executive summary available on the website of MPCB. The public in general were appealed to send any suggestion or objection regarding the expansion of above project.

Convener of the Public Hearing informed all that an opportunity is given to raise any suggestion or objection in writing as well as orally during public hearing. He requested to Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kalvan and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee to give permission to start the proceedings.

Shri. Vishal Narvade, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kalvan, Nashik and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed the Project Proponent to explain Environment Management Plan in local language Marathi.

Mrs. Rohini Chavan, District Mining Officer, Nashik, Project Proponent while giving the presentation informed all the Environment Management Plan and Environment Development Reserved Fund and proposed green Ghat development programmes by slide shows. It is informed that at Kalwan Taluka, there are three sand Ghats i.e. at Nakode and Kakane, The total area is 2.1 hector and sand storage for mining is 2231 brass. The cost is Rupees 13,38,600/-. She also explains the details of measures taken during the sand dredging will be carried manually through Spades, Ghamela, Tractor with trolley without drilling & blasting. To control Air Pollution periodic water sprinkling on the kaccha road used for sand transport. Plantation will be done along riverbanks and on open spaces near the sand dredging sites. To minimise Noise Pollution dredging and sand transport will be carried out during the daytime only. To control Water Pollution, Sand dredging will be carried out in dry riverbed only. The depth of the mine pit will be maintained above the river water level. River streams will not be diverted to form inactive channels. On the banks of both sides of the lease boundary & Haul Road outside river bed. Workers and operators will be provided with personal protective equipment, Safety helmets and footwear, in addition to ear, eye, and hand protection devices.

After the presentation, Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee informed there are Two sand mining Ghats in the Taluka Kalvan and as per the directives of Govt. of Maharashtra dated 03-12-2019, it is mandatory to conduct public consultation while obtaining Environment Clearance. He appealed to raise the suggestions, objections regarding water, air, riverbed and if they feel some danger/hazard.

**Following have participated during the discussions and the Answers given by the Project Proponent / Project Consultant / Public Hearing Committee :-**

**1) Shri. Rakesh Aappa Gunjal, Nakode, Tal-Kalwan, Dist -Nashik :-**

Time period for sand dredging is very short. Manual sand dredging is difficult in presents of water through workers.

**2) Shri. Vishal Vasant Aaher, Kakane, Tal Kalwan, Dist Nashik :-**

Due to sand dredging ground water level is affected. Therefore, I oppose sand dredging activity.

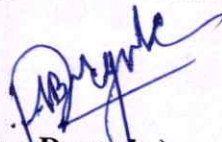
**Chairman** – Tahsildar and other officers has visited and inspected the sites. After inspection the proposal submitted for sand dredging activity on the said site to higher authorities..

Convener of the Public Hearing Committee informed that all this public hearing proceedings is being recorded audio, video form and minutes of the meeting will be sent to Environment Department for further approval. The committee will not take any decision or grant permission to the project, you may give your suggestions, objections in writing also.


Chairman, Public Hearing Committee appealed all to raise any suggestions, objections. There was no response except the above objection.

Chairman, Public Hearing Committee here said that Environment Consultant has given the answers to the objections raised by the participants. The minutes of meeting will be prepared, and the report will be submitted to Environment Department, Govt. of Maharashtra. He thanked all public present for the hearing, Government officials, project officials and declared that the meeting is concluded.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Chair.

  
(Amar Durgule)

Convener,  
Environment Public Hearing Committee  
And  
Sub Regional Officer,  
MPCB, Nashik

  
(Shri. Vishal Narvade)

Chairman,  
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And  
Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Kalvan,  
Dist – Nashik