

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 04 NOS OF SAND BELTS DREDGING IN YAVATMAL DISTRICT OF PROJECT PROPONENT DISTRICT MINING OFFICER, DISTRICT COLLECTOR OFFICE, TALUKA & DISTRICT-YAVATMAL, MAHARASHTRA**

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The Environment Public Hearing for proposed 04 nos. of Sand Belts Dredging in Yavatmal District of Project Proponent District Mining Officer, District Collector Office, Taluka & District Yavatmal, Maharashtra was conducted on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 on 12.00 Noon at Bachat Bhavan, (Baliraja Chetana Bhavan) District Collector Office, Yavatmal. The 04 nos. of sand belts are as follows:-

Pimpri Divat (1.00 Ha), Tiwadi (1.75 Ha), Warodi (2.01 Ha) of Umarkhed Taluka & Ijasa (1.00 Ha) of Wani Taluka, Dist. Yavatmal.

District Collector, Yavatmal has sanctioned to conduct Environment Public Hearing physically as well as by online on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at 12.00 Noon at Bachat Bhavan, (Baliraja Chetana Bhavan) District Collector Office, Yavatmal and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, Gol), New Delhi and subsequent amendment on 01-12-2019, Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order No. E- 23 of 2023 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-230328-FTS-0093, dated 28/03/2023 as under:-

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| 1) District Magistrate, Yavatmal<br>or his representative not below<br>the rank of an Additional District<br>Magistrate | <b>Chairman</b> |
| 2) Representative of Maharashtra<br>Pollution Control Board -<br>Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur                     | <b>Member</b>   |
| 3) Sub Regional Officer,<br>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,<br>Chandrapur  | <b>Convener</b> |

Shri. Vinod Shukla, Field Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur welcomed Shri. Pramod Singh Dubey, Additional District Magistrate, Yavatmal and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri. A. M. Kare, Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Environmentalists, NGOs, Journalists and Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and informed the proceedings of the public hearing.



Convener said that as per Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, New Delhi's Notification no. 1533, dated 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006 and as amended dated 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2009 and as well as directives from Department of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai, Secondary/Minor Mineral (sand group) is included in B-1 category on 03-12-2019. Hence, for such projects, it is mandatory to get Environmental permission from the Government of Maharashtra, for which it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation on environmental issues.

Shri. Sattale, Convener informed that Maharashtra Pollution Control Board was in receipt of an application from the Project Proponent District Mining Officer, District Collector's Office, Taluka and District Yavatmal, Maharashtra to hold an Environmental Public Hearing on the proposed dredging of 04 number of sand belt in Yavatmal District vide their letter dtd. 02/02/2023.

Convener 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 (EMP) of the proposed project.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur in the local newspaper in Daily Loksatta for Marathi and in national newspaper Daily The Hitavada for English on 28/02/2023. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

Also copy of EIA report and executive summary were made available at various notified offices of Government as under:-

- 1) Joint Director (Water Pollution Control), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Opp. PVR Cinema Hall, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022;
- 2) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rly. Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 3) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Rly. Station Road, Chandrapur;
- 4) District Collector Office, Yavatmal;
- 5) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal;
- 6) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Yavatmal;
- 7) Sub Divisional Officers, Sub Divisional Offices of Wani & Umardhed, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 8) District Mining Officer, Mining Department, District Collector Office, Taluka & District - Yavatmal;
- 9) Tahsildars of Tahsil Office, Wani & Umardhed, Dist. Yavatmal.
- 10) Panchayat Samiti Offices of Wani & Umardhed, Dist. Yavatmal.



- 11) Gram Panchayat Offices of Pimpri Divat, Tiwadi, Warodi, Ijasan, dist. Yavatmal.
- 12) Website of MPCB, Mumbai

Convener informed all the participants that they have been given an opportunity to raise any environmental objections, suggestions regarding the proposed project and they can raise it after the presentation in written or oral form.

Environmental Consultant of the Project Proponent while giving information about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) said that the concerned Gram Panchayat offices have already issued "No Objection Certificate" for the excavation of the said 04 sand ghats and the excavation will be done only for the period decided by the State Environment Committee.

Similarly, during the monsoon period i.e. from 10<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> September, excavation will not be carried out. The mining plan for the said project has been approved by the Directorate of Geology & Mines, Govt. of India, Nagpur.

After the Presentation, Convener of Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to raise their objections, suggestions, if any. While asking question, instructed to state full name and address.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to the participants to raise their objections, suggestions, if any.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee appealed to Government officials also to raise their views, suggestions or objections. There was not response from the participants.

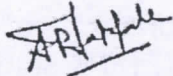
Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee again appealed all the participants to raise their views, suggestions and objections if any regarding the proposed project. Participants collectively supported the project.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee here said that though the participants have not raised any objections regarding the proposed project, but if anybody desires to submit any suggestions, objections in writing, it can be submitted today i.e. 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 upto 03.00 p.m at District Collector Office, Yavatmal. Not a single objection is received by the District Collector Office, Yavatmal.

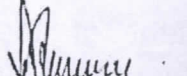
Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the minutes of the meeting will be prepared and submitted alongwith Final EIA to Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai. An Expert Committee there will take further decision.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee on behalf of the  
Chairman declared that the meeting is concluded.

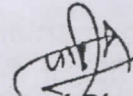
Meeting ended extending thanks to the Chair.



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Public Hearing Committee  
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MPCB, Chandrapur



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Member, Environment  
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(Pramod Singh Dubey)  
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Magistrate, Yavatmal