

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED 13 NOS. OF SAND GHATS IN FULAMBRI, PAITHAN, VAIJAPUR, GANGAPUR, KANNAD, SILLOD TALUKAS OF CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR DISTRICT ON 15/03/2024, 11:30 AM, AT COLLECTOR OFFICE, CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

The public hearing in respect of proposed 13 nos. Sand Ghats in Fulambri, Paithan, Vaijapur, Gangapur, Kannad, Sillod talukas of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar District, proposed by District Collector Office, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar was conducted on 15/03/2024, 11:30 am, at Collector Office, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 127 of 2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -240312- FTS- 0074 dated 12-03-2024. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. Following Panel members were present during the public hearing.

- 1. Shri. Vinod Khirolkar,**
Resident Deputy Collector,
Dist. Chh. Sambhajinagar. : Chairman.
- 2. Shri. Sujit Dholam,**
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Chh. Sambhajinagar. : Member
- 3. Shri. Dipak Bansod,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Chh. Sambhajinagar. : Convener.

Shri. Dipak Bansod, Convenor public hearing panel and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Chh. Sambhajinagar welcome the Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel, officials, public representatives and public present for the hearing and with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee, he gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment. He said that we have gathered here to for public hearing on environment said 13 nos. Sand Ghats in Fulambri, Paithan, Vaijapur, Gangapur, Kannad and Sillod talukas of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar district proposed by Collector Office, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. The details are as follows-

Name of Sand Ghats	Quantity of Sand Ghats	Taluka
Vanegaon (Khu. Bu.)	01	Fulambri
Hiradpuri	01	Paithan
Lasurgoan-shahajatpur, zolegaon, babhulgoan, ganga	03	Vaijapur
Pendapur, Bhalgaon, sanav, aagathan	04	Gangapur

Kerhala, bhavan/chinchkheda, ufali	03	Paithan
Total -13		

He 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 and this Sand Ghats comes under the purview of this Notification. Sand Ghats comes under schedule B of the said notification and this shall get permission from Environment department, Government of Maharashtra, and Public Hearing is a part of procedure for obtaining Environment Clearance. District Collector Office, Chh. Sambhajinagar has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 06-02-2024. The public hearing was scheduled on 15-03-2024 time 11.30 a.m. with approval of Hon'ble District Collector Chh. Sambhajinagar. Accordingly, notice was published 30 days before in Daily Times of India (English) & Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 14-02-2024. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report on the said Sand Ghats (in English and Marathi) was made available for study to the interested public in the respective Gram Panchayat offices and other government offices. Accordingly, today's public hearing is being held. A copy of EIA report and executive summary was made available at various Govt. offices as under-

- 1) Hon'ble District Collector, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 2) District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 3) District Industries Centre, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 4) Zilla Parishad, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 5) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office, Fulambari, Paithan, Gangapur, Sillod, Vaijapur and Kannad, Dist Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 6) Block Development Officer, Panchayat Samittiee, Fulambari, Paithan, Gangapur, Sillod, Vaijapur and Kannad, Dist Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 7) Gram Panchayat office, Vanegaon (Khu. Bu.), Tal. Fulambari, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 8) Gram Panchayat office, Hiradpuri, Tal. Paithan, Dist. Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 9) Gram Panchayat office, Lasurgaon-Shahajatpur, Zolegaon, Babhulgaon Ganga, Tal. Vaijapur, Dist. Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 10) Gram Panchayat Office, Pendapur, Bhalgaon, Sanav, Agathan, Tal. Gangapur, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 11) Gram Panchayat office, Devli Tal. Kannad Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 12) Gram Panchayat, Kerhala, Bhavan/Chinchkheda, Upli, Tal. Sillod, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 13) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthan, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.
- 14) The Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthan, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar
- 15) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalptaru Point, 2nd, 3rd & 4th floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022.
- 16) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
- 17) The Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ), Ground floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Further he clarified that, Board had given 30 days period for submission of any suggestions/Objections/views etc about the project as per the notifications and Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board Chh. Sambhajinagar has not received any suggestion/objection by Email. Also he informed to the public that, participants can raise their objections, comments etc. in oral or written after presentation the Public Hearing. He then requested the project proponent to make a presentation about the proposed Sand Ghats.

Accordingly, the Project Representative Dr. Prashik Shukla of M/s. Enviro Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur gave presentation on various aspects about the project which includes the details of project, environmental pollution, plans, devices, control measures to be taken thereof etc. Also mentioned that Instead of drilling and blasting opencast manual method will be adopted in the said mining. The equipments like only spade, ghamela will be used. The sand excavation will be done from dry river bed only. For control of air pollution, water will be sprinkled regularly on the katcha road used for sand transportation and transportation will be carried out through tractor trolley by covering with tarpaulin. For control of noise pollution, the mining work and sand transportation will be carried out during the daytime only. For control of water pollution, the sand excavation will be carried out in the dry river bed only, the depth of mining pit will be kept above the river water level, the river flow will not be diverted for making the inactive ducts, vehicle washing will be prohibited in the river, care will be taken so as not to generate any effluent from the mining work, facility of mobile toilet will be provided to the workers, excavation will be avoided during the monsoon and flood due to which sand lifted can be recovered, to maintain the land environment, the mining work will not be more than the capacity to which permission is given. Tree plantation will be developed near the river bank and nearby open space, for occupational health safety management, the mining operators will be provided with personal protective equipment's, first-aids kits will be provided at the mining site, care will be taken so as not to cause damage to the environment.

he also gives details of Sand Ghats as below-

01 Taluka Fulambri-

Sr.No.	Name of Sand Ghats and Gat No.	Area (Hect)	Sand (Brass)
1	North side of vanegaon gat no. 177, 178, 179, 280, 181, 182, 183, 184, south side of vanegaon 167, 166, 165, 164, 163, 162, 161, 19, 18	1.58	3896

02 Taluka Paithan-

Sr.No.	Name of Sand Ghats and Gat No.	Area (Hect)	Sand (Brass)
1	Hiradpuri gat no. 191,192	3.6	12721

03 Taluka Vaijapur-

Sr.No.	Name of Sand Ghats and Gat No.	Area (Hect)	Sand (Brass)
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1	Lasurgaon gat no. 1207, 206, 216, 217, 219 Shahajatpur gat no. 126, 127	1.15	4081
2	Jholegaon gat no. 2, 113, 114	1.01	3576
3	Babhulgaon ganga gat no. 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 147, 148	4.8	16961

04 Taluka Gangapur-

Sr.No.	Name of Sand Ghats and Gat No.	Area (Hect)	Sand (Brass)
1	Pendapur gaon gat no. 78, 80, 86	1.05	3710
2	Bhalgaon gat no. 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24	2.1	7420
3	Sanav gavthan gat no. 118, 117, 110, 109, 105, 104, 103, 102	1.8	9540
4	Aagathan gav gat no. 120	1.2	4240

05 Taluka Kannad-

Sr.No.	Name of Sand Ghats and Gat No.	Area (Hect)	Sand (Brass)
1	Devali gat no. 27, 26, 25, 23, 24, 22, 09, 08, 07	1.25	6625

06 Taluka Sillod-

Sr.No.	Name of Sand Ghats and Gat No.	Area (Hect)	Sand (Brass)
1	Kerhal gaon gat no. 554, 555, 556, 557, 568, 569, 526	1	3533
2	Bhawan gat no. 181, 221, 222, 231, 233, 234, 235, 236, 200, 190 Chinchkheda gaon gat no. 21, 22, 34, 35, 36	1.21	4276
3	Uphali gaon gat no. 163, 160/2, 160/3, 116, 117, 121, 123, 124, 131, 133, 134, 135, 140, 139, 137	1.6	3957

The above information is recorded and included in brief in the minutes.

After the presentation of the proposed project, Shri. Vinod Khirolkar, Resident Deputy Collector, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Chairman of Public Hearing said that, the presentation of the said Sand Ghat has been done and the information & brochures about the said project were given to us in advance. It is suggested that if there are any environmental questions, written/oral comments regarding the said


Sand Ghat, they should be raised so that it can be recorded in the minutes of the environmental public hearing. Also requested that you first tell your name, village name.

During the said public hearing, the questions raised by the participants from Fulambri, Paithan, Vaijapur, Gangapur, Kannad and Sillod talukas of Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district are as follows.

Sr. No.	Name and address of the person along with suggestions, views, comments etc.,	Reply given by project proponent/ Consultant
1.	<p>Shri. Janardhan Ashok Kakade, Res of Zholegaon, Tal. Vaijapur, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar said that, sand excavation have been done for the last four years in our village. But the village has not received any benefit/reward from this. The water level of the Shivana river has already decreased, if the auction of sand takes place, the water level will further decrease and there is a possibility of water scarcity. Also, roads in the village will be damaged due to sand transport. Due to this, we requested that the said sand auction should not be held and we have also submitted a negative tharav through Gram Panchayat.</p>	<p>On this, Shri. Vinod Khiroolkar, Chairman of Public Hearing and Resident Deputy Collector said that, your questions have been recorded here and will be taken up in the minutes of DMF, but above said public hearing is about environment, if you have environmental issues, you should raise them.</p> <p>On this Shri. Dipak Bansod, Convenor of Public Hearing and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB said that, if you still have any comments or written comments regarding the public hearing on the said environment, they should be given. The said statement will be recorded in the minutes and submitted further.</p>
2.	<p>Shri. Balu Borge, Res. Babugaon, Tal. Vaijapur, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, said that the Gram Panchayat office should give a resolution for the auction of the sand ghat with the concern of the villagers. At present, such a bad situation in the village. The water in the river bed has decreased due to the said sand excavation. The water level is expected to decrease. About 200 to 300 vehicle of sand are transported from the village. We say that the said sand auction should be stopped but it is not possible. If the said sand is auctioned, the sand should be pumped in less quantity and the sand should be transported as per the rules. Those</p>	<p>On this Shri. Dipak Bansod, Convenor of Public Hearing and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB said that, your suggestions have been noted.</p>

	who do not follow the rules should be strictly action/penalized according to the rules.	
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Shri. Vinod Khirolkar, Chairman of Public Hearing and Resident Deputy Collector addressed the audience that the questions raised by them have been recorded here. He also thanked the participants and announced that the environmental public hearing of the proposed project was over.



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Convener

And

Sub-Regional Officer,
Chh. Sambhajinagar

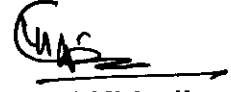


(Sujit Dholam)

Member

And

Regional Officer.
Chh. Sambhajinagar



(Vinod Khirolkar)

Chairman

And

Additional District Magistrate,
Chh. Sambhajinagar