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Date: 28/08/2024

To,
The Principal Secretary,
Environment & Climate Change Department,
Government of Maharashtra,
Room No. 217 (Annex) New Administration Building,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032.

Sub: Environmental Clearance - Proceedings of Public Hearing in respect of **Proposed 33 Sand Ghats** in Gadchiroli District at Gadchiroli Taluka, Sakhra (2.10 Ha.), Bodlimal (1.80 Ha.), Gai ghat (1.05 Ha.), Dibhana Ghat (1.00 Ha.), Khursa Ghat (1.20 Ha.), Kurkheda Ghat (1.50 Ha.), at Dhanora Taluka, Dudhmala Ghat (1.10 Ha.). At Chamorshi Taluka, Jibgaon (2.05 Ha.), Dotkuli (2.15 Ha.), Wagholi (2.25 Ha.). At Armori Taluka, Thotebodi (1.20 Ha.), Paraswadi (1.11 Ha.), Deulgaon-2 (2.03 Ha.), Deulgaon-1 (2.50 Ha.), Dongarsaongi (3.00 Ha.), Kitali (1.00 Ha.). At Desaiganj Taluka, Sawangi (4.00 Ha.), Kurud (Juni Wadsa) (1.00 Ha.), Kondhala (Mendha Ghat) (4.18 Ha.), Kondhala (Sindrai Ghat) (1.36 Ha.). At Sironcha Taluka, Medaram Nala (1.00 Ha.), Chipurdubba Rai.-1 (1.00 Ha.), Chipurdubba Rai.-2 (1.00 Ha.), Nagaram-1 (2.30 Ha.), Nagaram-2 (1.50 Ha.), Maddhikuntha (2.50 Ha.), Aardamal (2.50 Ha.). At Kurkheda Taluka, Kumbhitola (1.00 Ha.), Nanhi (1.80 Ha.). At Aheri Taluka, Mahagaon Bu. (2.25 Ha.), Modumtura (1.05 Ha.), Damrancha (1.02 Ha.), Bori (1.12 Ha). **Proposed by** District Mining Office, Collector Office, Gadchiroli., Maharashtra.

Ref: Sub-Regional Chandrapur submitted proceeding vide dt-08.08.2024, received on 12.08.2024.

Sir,

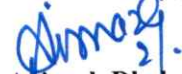
The Public Hearing for **Proposed 33 Sand Ghats** in Gadchiroli District at Gadchiroli Taluka, Sakhra (2.10 Ha.), Bodlimal (1.80 Ha.), Gai ghat (1.05 Ha.), Dibhana Ghat (1.00 Ha.), Khursa Ghat (1.20 Ha.), Kurkheda Ghat (1.50 Ha.), at Dhanora Taluka, Dudhmala Ghat (1.10 Ha.). At Chamorshi Taluka, Jibgaon (2.05 Ha.), Dotkuli (2.15 Ha.), Wagholi (2.25 Ha.). At Armori Taluka, Thotebodi (1.20 Ha.), Paraswadi (1.11 Ha.), Deulgaon-2 (2.03 Ha.), Deulgaon-1 (2.50 Ha.), Dongarsaongi (3.00 Ha.), Kitali (1.00 Ha.). At Desaiganj Taluka, Sawangi (4.00 Ha.), Kurud (Juni Wadsa) (1.00 Ha.), Kondhala (Mendha Ghat) (4.18 Ha.), Kondhala (Sindrai Ghat) (1.36 Ha.). At Sironcha Taluka, Medaram Nala (1.00 Ha.), Chipurdubba Rai.-1 (1.00 Ha.), Chipurdubba Rai.-2 (1.00 Ha.), Nagaram-1 (2.30 Ha.), Nagaram-2 (1.50 Ha.), Maddhikuntha (2.50 Ha.), Aardamal (2.50 Ha.). At Kurkheda Taluka, Kumbhitola (1.00 Ha.), Nanhi (1.80 Ha.). At Aheri Taluka, Mahagaon Bu. (2.25 Ha.), Modumtura (1.05 Ha.), Damrancha (1.02 Ha.), Bori (1.12 Ha). **Proposed by** District Mining Office, Collector Office, Gadchiroli., Maharashtra.

Environmental public hearing Conducted on 19.06.2024, 11.00 A.M. At Niyojan Bhavan, Collector Office, Gadchiroli, Tal-Dist-Gadchiroli, Maharashtra. The minutes of the public hearing approved and duly signed by the Public hearing panel along with the proceedings are enclosed.

- Minutes of public hearing duly signed by the Chairman of public hearing panel in (English & Marathi)
- Copy of Office Order
- Video DVD and Photograph of Public Hearing.
- List of participants.
- Newspaper Notices for Environmental Public Hearing in English & Marathi.

This is submitted for further necessary action please.

Yours Sincerely,


(Dr. Avinash Dhakne IAS),
Member Secretary

Encl: As above

Copy for information & necessary action to:

- 1) The Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur.
- 2) The Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Chandrapur
- 3) EIC, M.P. C. Board, Mumbai - For information & display of Minutes on website.

Copy to the applicant of the project:

District Mining Office, Collector Office, Gadchiroli., Maharashtra.

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED 33 NOS. OF SAND BELTS DREDGING IN GADCHIROLI DISTRICT OF PROJECT PROPONENT DISTRICT MINING OFFICER, DISTRICT COLLECTOR OFFICE, TALUKA & DISTRICT-GADCHIROLI, MAHARASHTRA

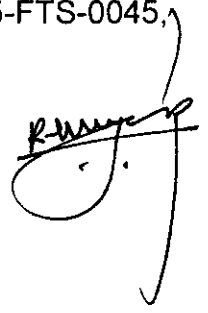
The Environment Public Hearing for proposed 33 nos. of Sand Belts Dredging in Gadchiroli District of Project Proponent District Mining Officer, District Collector Office, Taluka & District Gadchiroli, Maharashtra was conducted on Wednesday, the 19th June, 2024 on 11:00 AM at Niyojan Bhavan, District Collector Office, Gadchiroli. The 33 nos. of sand belts are as follows:-

Gadchiroli District at Gadchiroli Taluka, Sakhra (2.10 Ha.), Bodlimal (1.80 Ha.), Gai ghat (1.05 Ha.), Dibhana Ghat (1.00 Ha.), Khursa Ghat (1.20 Ha.), Kurkheda Ghat (1.50 Ha.), at Dhanora Taluka, Dudhmala Ghat (1.10 Ha.). At Chamorshi Taluka, Jibgaon (2.05 Ha.), Dotkuli (2.15 Ha.), Wagholi (2.25 Ha.). At Armori Taluka, Thotebodi (1.20 Ha.), Paraswadi (1.11 Ha.), Deulgaon-2 (2.03 Ha.), Deulgaon-1 (2.50 Ha.), Dongarsaongi (3.00 Ha.), Kitali (1.00 Ha.). At Desaiganj Taluka, Sawangi (4.00 Ha.), Kurud (Juni Wadsa) (1.00 Ha.), Kondhala (Mendha Ghat) (4.18 Ha.), Kondhala (Sindrai Ghat) (1.36 Ha.). At Sironcha Taluka, Medaram Nala (1.00 Ha.), Chipurdubba Rai.-1 (1.00 Ha.), Chipurdubba Rai.-2 (1.00 Ha.), Nagaram-1 (2.30 Ha.), Nagaram-2 (1.50 Ha.), Maddhikuntha (2.50 Ha.), Aardamal (2.50 Ha.). At Kurkheda Taluka, Kumbhitola (1.00 Ha.), Nanhi (1.80 Ha.). At Aheri Taluka, Mahagaon Bu. (2.25 Ha.), Modumtura (1.05 Ha.), Damrancha (1.02 Ha.), Bori (1.12 Ha.).

District Collector, Gadchiroli has sanctioned to conduct Environment Public Hearing physically as well as by online on Wednesday, 19th June, 2024 on 11:00 AM at Niyojan Bhavan, District Collector Office, Gadchiroli and as per the Notification dated 14-09-2006 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (MoEF & CC, GoI), 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-138 of 2024 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-240605-FTS-0045, dated 05/06/2024 as under:-

- 1) District Magistrate, Gadchiroli
or his representative not below
the rank of an Additional District
Magistrate
- 2) Representative of Maharashtra
Pollution Control Board -
Regional Officer, MPCB, Chandrapur
- 3) Sub Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Chandrapur

Chairman



Member

Convener

Shri. Umashankar, Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Chandrapur and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee welcomed Shri. V. S. Bhakre, Additional District Magistrate, Gadchiroli and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; Shri. Tanaji Yadav, 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 14th September, 2006 and as amended dated 1st 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. Umashankar Bhadule, 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 Gadchiroli, Maharashtra to hold an Environmental Public Hearing on the proposed dredging of 33 number of sand belt in Gadchiroli District vide their letter dtd. 23/11/2023.

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 Lokmat for Marathi and in national newspaper daily Times of India for English on 15/05/2024. 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) Environment Department, 15th Floor, New Administrative Building, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400032.
- 2) Joint Director (WPC), M.P.C. Board, Kalptaru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
- 3) Regional Office, New Secretariat Building, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change. Opposite VCA Stadium, Civil Lines Nagpur-1.

- 4) Regional Office & Sub-Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, 1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Near Bus Stand, Railway Station Road, Chandrapur.
- 5) District Collector, Gadchiroli.
- 6) District Mining Office, Gadchiroli.
- 7) Zilla Parishad, Gadchiroli.
- 8) District Industries Centre, Gadchiroli.
- 9) All the concerned Sub-Divisional Offices, Tahsil Offices & concerned 33 Gram Panchayat Offices, Dist. Gadchiroli.
- 10) Website of Maharashtra Pollution Control Board: www.mpcb.gov.in

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 issued "No Objection Certificate" for the excavation of the said 33 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 June to 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 no 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. 19th June, 2024 upto 03.00 PM at District Collector Office, Gadchiroli. Not a single objection is received by the District Collector Office, Gadchiroli.

Member, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that the minutes of the meeting will be prepared and submitted along with 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.

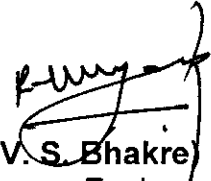
Enclosed 01 written suggestions/objections as received.



(Umashankar Bhadule)
Convener, Environment
Public Hearing Committee
& Sub Regional Officer,
MPCB, Chandrapur



(Tanaji Yadav)
Member, Environment
Public Hearing Committee
& Regional Officer, MPCB,
Chandrapur



(V. S. Bhakre)
Chairman, Environment
Public Hearing Committee
& Additional District
Magistrate, Gadchiroli