

Minutes of Public Hearing Panel in respect of proposed 15 nos. of Sand Mining Projects in the Akola District proposed by District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Akola Maharashtra dtd. 03/10/2024 at 15.00 hrs., at Niyojan Bhavan, Collector Office, Akola

The District Mining Officer, Mining Department, Collector Office Akola has submitted the application for conducting Environmental Public Hearing for obtaining Environmental Clearance in respect of 15 sand ghats in Akola District. The said Public Hearing has been conducted as per the provisions made in the notification dtd. 14/09/2006 issued by Ministry of Environment and Forest (Climate Change). Accordingly, the Public Hearing in respect of the sand mining projects has been conducted on 03/10/2024 at 15.00 hrs. at Niyojan Bhavan, District Collector Office, Akola. The Hon'ble Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has issued Office Order No. E-156 of 2024 vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-240916-FTS-0002, dtd. 16/09/2024 of constitution of Environmental Public Hearing Committee to conduct the said Public Hearing.

The following members of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee were present for the Public Hearing.

1. Hon'ble Ajit Kumbhar, District Magistrate, Akola – Chairman.
2. Shri S. D. Patil, Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati – Member.
3. Shri M.D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Akola – Convenor.

The public notice for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing has been published in Daily "Lokmat" (Marathi) and Daily "Hitwada" (English) on 03/09/2024. Accordingly the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted on 03/10/2024 at 15.00 hrs. at Niyojan Bhavan, Collector Office, Akola.

The Public Hearing was started with due permission of Hon'ble Chairman. Shri M.D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub Regional Officer, Akola welcomed the participants present in the Public Hearing. He further briefed about the requirement of conducting Environmental Public Hearing of the said project. He further stated that the District Mining Officer, Akola has submitted Environment Management Plan, Executive Summary (English & Marathi) in respect of 15 sand ghats in Akola District. The said documents were made available at following offices for the people residing in the project area / environmental groups in order to obtain suggestion / objections, if any, from the concerned.

1. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalptaru Point, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th floor, in front of cineplanet theatre, near Sion Circle (East), Mumbai-400022.
2. Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sahakar Surabhi, Near Vivekanand Colony, Bapatwadi, Amravati-444606.
3. Sub-Regional Office Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Hutatma Chowk, Near Neharu Park, Akola.
4. Collector Office, Akola.
5. Zilla Parishad, Akola.
6. District Industry Centre, Akola.
7. Concerned Sub-Divisional Officer (revenue), Dist. Akola.
8. Concerned Tahasil Offices, District, Akola.
9. All the concerned Gram Panchayat Offices, Dist. Akola.

With the permission of Chair, Shri M.D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub-Regional Officer, Akola and Convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee briefed about the procedure of Public Hearing and requested the Project Proponent to give the presentation regarding sand ghat projects.

The representative from Enviro Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd., Nagpur (Environmental Consultant of the Project Proponent) had given the presentation regarding sand ghat projects.

Shri M.D. Bhiwapurkar, Sub-Regional Officer, Akola stated that the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has not received any objection/suggestions in respect of the sand ghats. He appealed the participants to raise their suggestions /objections.

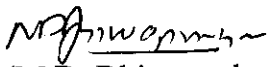
Shri Roshan Kumbhakar, Vill: Hata, Tal. Balapur, Dist. Akola, said that the information about Hata, Tal. Balapur, sand ghat has not been given in this hearing. Information should be given regarding Hata, Tal. Balapur sand ghat.

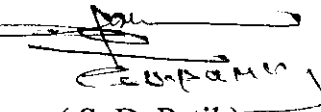
Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee brought to the notice that Hata sand ghat is not included in this hearing. Therefore, information about Hata sand ghat has not been given.

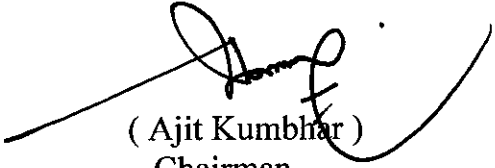
Shri Vijay Tayade, Vill : Malkarpur, Dist. Akola, asked that the road provided by the government to transport sand from sand ghat is closed during monsoon. What measures will be taken in this regard.

Hon'ble Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee stated that to transport sand from sand ghat, it is expected to transport sand through the road provided by the government. If there is any problem in this regard, it will be solved.

With the permission of Hon'ble Chairperson the Public Hearing concluded with vote of thanks.


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MPC Board Akola


(S. D. Patil)
Member
&
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MPC Board Amravati


(Ajit Kumbhar)
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