

Minutes of Public Hearing Panel in respect of proposed 02 nos. of Sand Mining Projects in the Washim District proposed by District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Washim, Maharashtra dtd. 24/12/2024 at 12.00 Noon, at Niyojan Bhavan, Collector Office, Washim.

The District Mining Officer, Mining Department, Collector Office, Washim has submitted the application for conducting Environmental Public Hearing for obtaining Environmental Clearance in respect of 02 sand ghats in Washim 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 24/12/2024 at 12.00 Noon at Niyojan Bhavan, District Collector Office, Washim as per the provisions made in the office memorandum dtd. 09 June 2021 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change. Hon'ble Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has issued Office Order No. E-171 of 2024 vide letter no. BO/JD(WPC)/PH/B-241126-FTS-0054, dtd. 26/11/2024 for constitution of Environmental Public Hearing Committee to conduct the said Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing has been conducted in presence of following members of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee.

1. Hon'ble Rajendra Jadhav, Additional District Magistrate, Washim – Chairman.
2. Shri S. D. Patil, Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati – Member.
3. Shri Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Amravati-II – Convenor.

The public notice for conducting the Environmental Public Hearing has been published in Daily "Lokmat" (Marathi) and Daily "The Times of India" (English) on 22/11/2024. Accordingly, the Environmental Public Hearing has been conducted on 24/12/2024 at 12.00 Noon at Niyojan Bhavan, Collector Office, Washim.

The Public Hearing was started with due permission of Hon'ble Chairman. The convenor of the Public Hearing Committee, Shri Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, Amravati-II welcomed the participants present in the Public Hearing. He further briefed about the requirement of conducting Environmental Public Hearing for the said project. He further stated that the District Mining Officer, Washim has submitted Environment Management Plan, Executive Summary (English & Marathi) in respect of 02 sand ghats in Washim 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. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Ground floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

2. Deptt. Of Environment and Climate Change, Govt. of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, 15th floor, Madam Cama road, Mumbai.
3. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalptaru Point, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th floor, in front of cineplanet theatre, near Sion Circle (East), Mumbai-400022.
4. Regional Office/Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Sahakar Surabhi, Near Vivekanand Colony, Bapatwadi, Amravati-444606.
5. Collector Office, Washim.
6. Zilla Parishad, Washim.
7. District Industry Centre, Washim.
8. Sub-Divisional Office (Revenue)- Washim, Dist. Washim.
9. Tahsil Office – Risod, Dist. Washim.
10. Gram Panchayat Office- Bhapur / Hiwarapen Tq. Risod, Dist. Washim.

With the permission of Chair, Shri Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, Amravati-II 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) gave the presentation regarding sand ghat projects.

Shri Sushilkumar Rathod, Sub-Regional Officer, Amravati-II and convenor of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee 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.

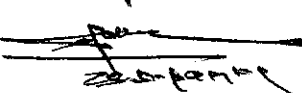
Hon'ble Chairman asked to explain that why only tractors are permitted to transport sand from sand ghats. On this, District Mining Officer clarified that only tractors are allowed to transport sand from sand ghat to sand depot, however, truck or other vehicles may be used for onward transport of sand from sand depot.

Hon'ble Chairman appealed to the public present in the Public Hearing to raise questions if any. However, no questions were raised.


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


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Convenor
&

Sub-Regional Officer,
MPC Board Amravati-II


(S. D. Patil)
Member
&

Regional Officer,
MPC Board Amravati


(Rajendra Jadhav)
Chairman
Public Hearing Committee
&
Additional District Magistrate,
Washim.