

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED 38 NOS. OF SAND GHATS IN AUNDHA NAGNATH, KALAMANURI, VASMAT, SENGAON AND HINGOLI TALUKAS OF HINGOLI DISTRICT ON 19/08/2025, 11:00 AM, AT. D.P.D.C. HALL, COLLECTOR OFFICE, HINGOLI.

The public hearing in respect of proposed 38 nos. Sand Ghats in Aundha Nagnath, Kalamnuri, Vasmata, Sengaon and Hingoli talukas of Hingoli District, proposed by District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Hingoli was conducted on 19/08/2025, 11:00 am, at. DPDC Hall, Collector Office, Hingoli.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 52 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B-250722-FTS-0091 dated 22-07-2025. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. Following Panel members were present during the public hearing.

1. **Shri. Rahul Gupta (I.A.S)**
District Magistrate, Hingoli,
Dist: Hingoli. : Chairman.
2. **Shri. S. M. Kurmude,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Parbhani. : Convener.

Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Sub Regional Officer, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Parbhani 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.

Shri. S. M. Kurmude, 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 Mining Officer, Collector Office, Hingoli has submitted an application to the

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 04-07-2025. The public hearing was scheduled on 19-08-2025 time 11.00 a.m. at. D.P.D.C. Hall, Collector Office, Hingoli with approval of Hon'ble District Collector Hingoli. Accordingly, notice was published 30 days before in Daily Times of India (English) & Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 10-07-2025. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Impact Report / E.M.P. 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. Also own MPCB website. Accordingly, today's public hearing is being held. A copy of EMP report & executive summery was made available at various Govt. offices as under-

1. The District Collector, District Collector Office, Hingoli.
2. Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad Office, Hingoli.
3. Manager, District Industries Centre, Hingoli.
4. Tehsildar, Tehsil Office-Aundha Nagnath.
5. Tehsildar, Tehsil Office-Kalmanuri.
6. Tehsildar, Tehsil Office-Vasmat.
7. Tehsildar, Tehsil Office-Sengao.
8. Tehsildar, Tehsil Office- Hingoli.
9. Chief Officer, Municipal Council, Hingoli.
10. Gram Panchayat Office, Takalgavhan, Ajarsonda, Tapovan, Bhagwa, Pota Khurd, Nalegaon, Anjanwadi, Tal. Aundha Nagnath.
11. Gram Panchayat Office, Nandapur, Sodegaon, Digras, Kondhur, Kasbedhavanda, Sapli, Pimpri B., Kanhegaon, Chikhali, Tal. Kalamanuri.
12. Gram Panchayat Office, Sonna T Hatta, Pimpalgaon Kute, Sawangi B., Dhavulgaon, Mategaon, Tal. vasmat.
13. Gram Panchayat Office, Limbalahudi, Vaichal Pimpri, Limbala Amdari, Bhagwati, Gugalpimpri, Chikhlagar, Bramhwadi, Ban, Vazar Khu., Pimpri Barda, Tal. Sengao.
14. Gram Panchayat Office, Amla, Idoli, Hingani, Khed, Kharbi, Khambala, Durgdhamani, Tal. Hingoli.
15. Sub Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, Devkrupa Building, Rangnath Maharaj Nagar, Nandkheda Road, Parbhani.
16. Regional Office, M.P.C. Board, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalhana, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
17. Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Headquarters, Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opposite Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai-22.
18. Environment Department, New Administration Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Marg, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.
19. Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, West Central Region, 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 Parbhani had received one suggestion by email. Also, he informed to the public that, participants can raise their objections, comments etc. in oral or written after presentation. He then requested the project proponent to make a presentation about the proposed Sand Ghats.

Accordingly, the Project Representative Mr. Tanmay Dahatonde 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 equipment's 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-

Taluka Aundha Nagnath -

Sr.N	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area Length x Width x Depth	Area Hectares	Available Sand Reserves (Brass)
1	Takalgavhan	1,12,13,14,15,16,21,22,24,52,26,27,29,3,031,163,164,165,166,167,168,169,170,189,191	350x30x0.5	1.05	1855
2	Ajarsonda	403,405,416,417,426,427,430,435,437,466,467,474,475,476,404	350x30x0.5	1.05	1855
3	Tapovan	13,21,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,284,287,288,289,290	400x25x0.5	1.00	1767
4	Bhagava	53,54,55,56,06,07	400x25x0.5	1.00	1767
5	Potakhurd	20,21,37,38,39,40,46,47,272,273,274,275,277,278,279,280,281,282,283,284,285,286,28	300x40x0.5	1.20	2120
6	Nalegaon	18,2,255,253,252,240,233,232,231	300x40x0.5	1.20	2120
7	Anjanwadi	2070,208,209,210,211,212,213,214,215,216,217,218	400x30x0.5	1.20	2120

Taluka Kalamanuri -

Sr.N	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidth xDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand Reserves (Brass)
1	Nandapur	412,414,415,417,418,419,420,421,422	460x25x0.5	1.15	2032

2	Sodegaon	352,391,384,383,378,377,373,372,371	500x25x0.5	1.25	2208
3	Digras t. Kondhur	8/2,9/1,34,35,37/1,38,39,40,41,42	450x25x0.3	1.13	1193
4	Kondhur	141,142,143,144,145,146,147,195,196,197	450x25x0.3	1.13	1193
5	Kasbe dhawanda	48,43,42,41,40,39,2,56,57,58,59,61,62,64,65,66,67	490x25x0.5	1.23	2164
6	Sapali	4,5,6,7,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,58,61,62,63	450x25x0.5	1.13	1988
7	Pimpri Bu.	9,10,6,3,2,1,193,194,195,196,199	450x28x0.2	1.26	890
8	Kanhegaon	6,25,26,27,31	500x20x0.8	1.00	2827
9	Chikhali	3,2,1,31,32,34	530x21x0.5	1.11	1966

Taluka Vasmat -

Sr.N	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand Reserves (Brass)
1	Sonna T Hatta	156,152,151,150,142,141	430x30x0.8	1.29	3647
2	Pimpalgaon Kute	356,357,358,355,347,346,341,359,340	500x20x0.5	1.00	1767
3	Sawangi Bu.	1,3,367,368,360	250x40x0.6	1.00	2120
4	Dhavulgaon	15,14,13,9,8,4,3,2,212,211,209,207,208	500x20x0.5	1.00	1767
5	Mategaon	2,3,4,220,222	500x20x0.5	1.00	1767

Taluka Sengaon -

Sr.N	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand Reserves (Brass)
1	Limbala Hudi	6,7,8	400 x25x 0.5	1.00	1767
2	Vaichal Pimpri	101,102,430,431,432,492,517,518,520,521,526,527,528,529,530,531,532,14,15,16,17,18,55,56,57,58	500x20x0.20	1.00	707
3	Limbala Amdari	3,36,35,34,28,27	350x30x0.5	1.05	1855
4	Bhagwati	562,568,579,576,700,703,708,724,725,726	500x20x0.20	1.00	707
5	Gugalpimpri	138,139,143,144,145,150,152,153,154	500x20x0.20	1.00	707
6	Chikhlagar	31,157,111,156	350x30x0.5	1.05	1855
7	Brahmawadi	143,140,135,144,142	500x40x2.00	2.00	14134
8	Bun	393,372,364,253,142	500x20x0.3	1.00	1060
9	Wajhar Khu.	173,172,171,166,165,162,161,188,351,157,155,153,129,128,127	500x20x0.5	1.00	1767
10	Pimpri Barda	6,5,4,3,2,99,98,97,89,88,87,80,79,78,77,76	500x20x0.3	1.00	1060

Taluka Hingoli -

Sr.N	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidth xDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand Reserves (Brass)
1	Amala	263 to 268, 276 to 279, 297, 298, 310 to 315, 326 to 331, 334, 336	600x18x0.2	1.08	763
2	Idoli	490to497,409, 423, 426 to 429,449 to 458,376 to 380	670x15x0.25	1.01	888
3	Hingani	363,364,368,369,370,355,334,326,311,312,318,222,29,19,17,15,14,316,315,304,302,301,300,299,274,278,271,269,265,264,263,262,202,251	500x20x0.5	1.00	1767
4	Khed	167,166,168,169,162,164,161,160,159,158,155,157,154,153,149,148,147,141,134,136,97,85,78,77,76	500x20x0.5	1.00	1767
5	Kharabi	143,144,155,160 to 168,234 to 239	350x30x0.5	1.05	1855
6	Khambala	131,130,134,135,136,142,144,147 to 149,154	500x20x0.5	1.00	1767
7	Durgdhamani	256,257,220 to 225	600x20x0.2	1.20	848

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

Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Convener and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Parbhani of the Public Hearing Committee requested to the present public to give their any views, objections / suggestions for which reply will be given through the project proponent. Before asking any questions requested to give their name & name of village.

1. **Shri. Chhatrapati Dattarao Gadade, Upsarpanch, Brahmwadi, Tal. Sengaon, Dist. Hingoli** said that, sand was previously also being excavated from Brahmwadi village, which had increases the revenue of the government. Earlier, tenders have been given for sand excavation in Brahmwadi in the years 2013 and 2015. However, the said sand is not being excavated as per the rules. Sand is being excavated during day & night time and more than the sanction capacity. Due to this, the government should take appropriate measures/planning regarding the said sand excavation so that illegal sand excavation does not take place. Also, the sand transported by the 1 km village road on which school and anganwadi are located, for that government should take measures in this regard. He further said that the roads in the village are damaged due to the said sand transportation. Requested that the government shall give 25% of the revenue received from the excavation to the Gram Panchayat office for repairment of the roads.

On this, Hon. Shri. Rahul Gupta, Chairman and District Magistrate, Hingoli said that all kinds of care with planning will be taken regarding sand mining.

2. **Shri. Ramprasad Sopanrao Kale, Gram Sevak, Sonat Hatta, Tal. Vasmata, Dist. Hingoli** said that the sand transportation route is located nearest to local school, due to which the students of the school are facing dust problems. For this, the Gram Panchayat is demanding that an alternative route be provided for sand transportation.

On this, Hon. Shri. Rahul Gupta, Chairman and District Magistrate, Hingoli said that if there is an alternative route for transport of sand, it should be informed. Also, the suggestions given by you have been noted.

3. **Shri. Prasad Khale, Senior Conservation Officer, Conservation Action Trust, Mumbai** submitted some questions, comments and suggestions regarding the said 38 sand ghats through email dated 14/08/2025. (Copy is attached).

On this, the environmental consultant, informed regarding the question about EIA report, that all the ghats in the Hingoli district are below 5 hecters which do not required EIA. Hence, EMP has been submitted.

On this, Shri. S. M. Kurmude, Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, MPC Board, Parbhani, informed that the jurisdiction area of Hingoli district very small and longest distance of the sands ghats 30-35 Km and nearest sand ghats is about 10 km from the collector office. Hence, the public hearing is scheduled at collector office which is at centre place of district.

After that, Hon. Shri. Rahul Gupta, Chairman and District Magistrate, Hingoli, first thanked the participants and briefly said that the issues raised by public such as road damage due to sand transportation, dust in the surrounding area, etc. In this regard, a survey was already conducted and the government has already included works of repair of road in the respective villages in the district plan. Also, the process of auctioning the said sand ghat will be completed as per the policy of the new government. Since, further there were no questions from the present public, Hon. Chairman announced that the said environment public hearing was concluded.


(S. M. Kurmude)
Convener
And
Sub-Regional Officer,
MPCB, Parbhani.


(Rahul Gupta (I.A.S.))
Chairman
And
District Magistrate, Hingoli