

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING OF 16 SAND GHATS IN
NAGPUR DISTRICT DATED 26/09/2025.**

As per Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India Notification dtd. 14.09.2006 and amended Notification 01.12.2009 District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Nagpur has requested Maharashtra Pollution Control Board vide letter dtd. 26/08/2025 to conduct Environmental Public Hearing for total 16 nos. of Sand Ghat in **Saoner Taluka** Kawdas (1.57 Ha.), Bawangaon-B (2.70 Ha.), Kochhi (3.60 Ha.), Rohana (2.10 Ha.), Karajghat (2.53 Ha.), Ramdongri-A (3.15 Ha.), Wakodi (3.50 Ha.), Isapur-A (3.60 Ha.), in **Kamptee Taluka** Bhamewada (1.80 Ha.), Chikna-B (2.0 Ha.), Ungaon (1.80 Ha.), in **Mouda Taluka** Wadhana (2.40 Ha.), Kirnapur (4.90 Ha.), in **Kuhi Taluka** Chichghat (3.0 Ha.), in **Parseoni Taluka** Garanda (1.55 Ha.) & Ghatrohna (3.0 Ha.).

As per proposal, the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of 16 Sand Ghats in Nagpur District under the Chairmanship of Shri. Anup Khande, Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur was conducted on 26/09/2025. Smt. Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur was the member of the public hearing panel and Smt. Dhanashree Patil, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C.Board, Nagpur-1 was the convener. The Public Hearing started at 11.30 am. with the permission of the Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel. Attendance of the people present during the Public Hearing is attached as **Annexure-I.**

BACKGROUND:

District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Nagpur has requested Maharashtra Pollution Control Board to conduct Public Hearing for total 16 nos. of Sand Ghat on 26/08/2025. Accordingly M.P.C.Board (HQ) directed to start the process for public hearing vide letter MPCB/JD(WPC)/ENV-PH/B-250826-FTS-0261 dtd. 26/08/2025 **Annexure-II.**

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

With the permission of Chairman of Public Hearing, the Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-1 started the Public Hearing by welcoming the Chairman and Member of the public hearing panel, local citizens from the village and others.

The Chairman of Public Hearing Panel informed the Public Hearing is conducted for recording the views/objects/suggestions of the participants regarding the project, and same is communicated to the Government. He also clarified that this panel is not here to take decision for accordance of any approval to the project and appealed the participants to express their views and suggestion.

Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-I explained the purpose of conducting this public hearing that as per MoEF&CC, GOI Notification SO 60(E) of 27th January, 1994 and amended Notification on 14th September, 2006. The notices for the public hearing were published in two local widely circulated Newspapers i.e. the 'Hitavada'(English) and 'Sakal'(Marathi) on 27/08/2025. Copies of the same are enclosed as **Annexure-III.** Copies of the executive summary both in English and in Marathi and other information/documents were made available to the public by making these documents available in various Govt. offices as well as local Gram Panchayat as per MoEF&CC GOI Notification. Suggestions, comments and objections of the public were called in writing before the date of Public Hearing as mentioned in the public notice. In view of the public hearing 1 suggestion / representation has been received to MPCB though E-mail. Copy enclosed as **Annexure-IV.** The public hearing panel was constituted vide MPC Board Office Order E-68 of 2025 No. BO/JD (WPC)/PH -250910-FTS-0225 dtd. 10/09/2025. Copy of the same is enclosed as **Annexure-V.**

Thereafter, Sub-Regional Officer, Nagpur-1 and Convener requested the project proponent to give their detail presentation about the project and the Environmental issues related with it. Accordingly representative of the project proponent gave detailed power point presentation of the project in local language as under:

The representative of the project proponent gave information regarding 16 ghat in Nagpur District like the project location, project area, sand availability and its benefits to manage the flow of river and flood control.

Method of Mining explained during the presentation:-

1. Not allowed to remove soil/soil overburden and soil mining.
2. Sand mining should be carried out manually.
3. Allowed sand loading through labour and transportation through tractor only.
4. Period of scooping of sand will be for one year excluding monsoon period of 10th June to 30th September.
5. Tree cutting not allowed during sand mining.
6. Sand mining not allowed in polluted river stretch as per Hon'ble NGT directions.
7. To avoid overloading of sand make a provision of capacity marking.
8. Colour coded vehicle (Tractor) should be use for transportation of sand.

Further after the presentation by the project proponent, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB, Nagpur-I appealed to the public to express their views/objections/questions, if any regarding the project by stating the name & village name before expressing the concerns or representations.

FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PUBLIC HEARING AND RAISED QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS. THE DETAILS ARE GIVEN BELOW:

1) Shri. S.A Siddiqui, Pavdi, Nagpur

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	The roads in the villages have been damaged due to transportation of sand by trucks. There should be a plan to construct or repair the roads.	Transportation of sand will be done via detour routes outside the villages, which is mentioned in the Environmental Management Plan. Also, the Gram Panchayat will carry out the repair and maintenance of the road through the concerned contractor of sand ghat.

2) Shri. Sumit Mishra, Nagpur.

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	Will the Government make provisions for tree plantation and its maintenance in the sand ghat areas? The Government shall make such provisions.	The contractor will take care of tree plantation and its maintenance in the sand ghat areas during the monsoon season.

3) **Shri. Vivek Purohit, Nagpur.**

Sr. No.	Objections/Suggestion/Question	Comments/ made by Project Proponent.
1.	Will there be any mitigation plan for the villages where sand excavation will be carried out? What provisions have been made in this regard?	Under Corporate Environmental Responsibility (CER), the contractor will reserve fund up to Rs.1 Lakh for each sand ghat to provide drinking water facility or construction of toilets in Government schools of the respective village having the sand ghat. If both the arrangements are in place, the District Collector will issue instructions to the contractor to make arrangements as per the needs of the school from the fund of Rs. 1 Lakh per ghat reserved as per CER.

Smt.Hema Deshpande, Regional Officer and Member of Public Hearing Panel

She suggested the project proponent to plant large number of Gulmohar trees to maintain the pollution level under control and to prevent adverse effects of sand excavation on groundwater tables.

Shri. Anup Khande, Additional District Magistrate & Chairman of Public Hearing Panel.

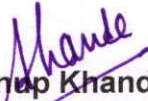
He appealed that due care should be taken while sand excavation from the 16 sand ghats to avoid any harm to the environment. The social and economic aspects shall be considered in this regard. The Chairman summarized the questions and queries raised by the people present for public hearing and replies given by project proponent and informed that the issues raised by the people will be noted in the proceeding of hearing. Also, He informed that, the above aspects have been noted and concluded the said public hearing by extending vote of thanks to the present public.



(Hema Deshpande)
Member of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Regional Officer, MPC Board, Nagpur



(Dhanashree Patil)
Convener of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board,
Nagpur-I.



(Anup Khande)
Chairman of the Public Hearing Panel
and
Additional District Magistrate, Nagpur.

