

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED 27 NOS. OF SAND GHATS IN GHANSAWANGI, MANTHA, JAFRABAD, BHOKARDAN, PARTUR AND BADNAPUR PARTUR AND MANTHA TALUKAS OF JALNA DISTRICT ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2025, 11:00 AM, AT. DPDC HALL, COLLECTOR OFFICE, JALNA.

The public hearing in respect of proposed 27 nos. Sand Ghats in Ghansawangi, Mantha, Jafrabad, Bhokardan, Partur and Badnapur talukas of Jalna District, proposed by District Mining Officer, Collector Office, Jalna was conducted on 18 September 2025, 11:00 am, at. DPDC Hall, Collector Office, Jalna.

As per Board's Office Order No. E- 62 of 2025 under letter no. BO/JD (WPC)/PH/B -250820- FTS- 0160 dated 20 August 2025. Panel for Public Hearing was formed. Following Panel members were present during the public hearing.

1. **Shrimati. Rita Metrewar,**
Additional District Collector, Jalna,
Dist: Jalna. : Chairman.
2. **Shri. Manish Holkar,**
Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Ch. Sambhajinagar. : Member
3. **Shrimati. Sindhu Kapre,**
Sub-Regional Officer,
M.P.C. Board, Jalna. : Convener.

Shrimati Sindhu Kapre, Sub Regional Officer, Sub Regional Office, MPCB, Jalna 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 she gave information in brief about Public Hearing on Environment.

Shrimati Sindhu Kapre, 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 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. The District Collector, Collector Office, Jalna through Mining department has submitted an application to the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board on 07th August 2025. The public hearing was scheduled on 18th September 2025 time 11.00 a.m. with approval of Hon'ble District Collector Jalna. Accordingly, notice was published 30 days before in Daily Sakal (Marathi) on dated 13th August 2025 & Daily Times of India (English) dated 14th August 2025. Also, the documents pertaining to the summary of the Environmental Assessment Report 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. Accordingly, today's public hearing is being held. A copy of EIA report and executive summary was made available at various Govt. offices as under-

- 1) The District Collector, District Collector Office, Jalna.
- 2) The Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad Office, Jalna.
- 3) Manager, District Industries Centre, Jalna.
- 4) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Ghansawangi.
- 5) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Mantha.
- 6) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Jafrabad.
- 7) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Bhokardan.
- 8) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Partur.
- 9) Tahsildar, Tahsil Office- Badnapur.
- 10) Gram Panchayat Office Mudregao, Tal. Ghansawangi.
- 11) Gram Panchayat Office Antarwali Rathi, Tal. Ghansawangi.
- 12) Gram Panchayat Office Incha, Tal. Mantha.
- 13) Gram Panchayat Office Dudha-Saskheda, Tal. Mantha.
- 14) Gram Panchayat Office Takalkhopa, Tal. Mantha.
- 15) Gram Panchayat Office Kirla, Tal. Mantha.
- 16) Gram Panchayat Office Kanadi, Tal. Mantha.
- 17) Gram Panchayat Office Limbkheda, Tal. Mantha.
- 18) Gram Panchayat Office Uswad, Tal. Mantha.
- 19) Gram Panchayat Office Devthana, Tal. Mantha.
- 20) Gram Panchayat Office Khorwad, Tal. Mantha.
- 21) Gram Panchayat Office Wazahar-Sarkate, Tal. Mantha.
- 22) Gram Panchayat Office Waghala, Tal. Mantha.
- 23) Gram Panchayat Office Pokhari Kendhali, Tal. Mantha.
- 24) Gram Panchayat Office Pimpalkhuta, Tal. Jafrabad.
- 25) Gram Panchayat Office Deulgaon Ugle, Tal. Jafrabad.
- 26) Gram Panchayat Office Khadki, Tal. Bhokardan.
- 27) Gram Panchayat Office Borgaon Khadak, Tal. Bhokardan.
- 28) Gram Panchayat Office Nanja, Tal. Bhokardan.
- 29) Gram Panchayat Office Kathora (Jainpur), Tal. Bhokardan.
- 30) Gram Panchayat Office Khaparkheda, Tal. Bhokardan.
- 31) Gram Panchayat Office Merkheda, Tal. Bhokardan.
- 32) Gram Panchayat Office Kedarkheda, Tal. Bhokardan.
- 33) Gram Panchayat Office Amba, Tal. Partur.
- 34) Gram Panchayat Office Dolhara, Tal. Partur.
- 35) Gram Panchayat Office Babultara, Tal. Partur.
- 36) Gram Panchayat Office Babai, Tal. Partur.
- 37) Gram Panchayat Office Bazar Wahegaon, Tal. Badnapur.
- 38) Gram Panchayat Office Nanegaon, Tal. Badnapur.
- 39) Gram Panchayat Office Kadegaon, Tal. Badnapur.
- 40) Gram Panchayat Office Varudi, Tal. Badnapur.
- 41) Gram Panchayat Office Manjargaon, Tal. Badnapur.
- 42) Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Jalna.
- 43) Regional Officer, MPCB, Plot No. A-4/1, MIDC Chikalthana, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar.
- 44) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 8, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 45) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

46)Regional Office, Ministry Environment, Forest & Climate Change, (WCZ),
Ground Floor, East Wing, New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Further she 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 Jalna has received one suggestion dated 15 September 2025 by email. Also, she informed to the public that, participants can raise their objections, comments etc. in oral or written after presentation of the Public Hearing. Thereafter, she requested the Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee on Environment to initiate further proceedings.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Shrimati Rita Metrewar, Additional District Collector, Jalna and Chairman of the Public Hearing Committee requested the project proponent to make a presentation about the proposed sand ghats project.

Accordingly, the Project Representative Dr. Ashish Shukla 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 Ghansawangi -

Sr. No.	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand (Brass)
1	Mudregaon	115 To 117, 121, 122, 129	450X50X1	2.25	7951
2	Antarwali Rathi	130, 131, 133, 134	590X17X1	1.03	3544

Taluka Mantha -

Sr. No.	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand (Brass)
1	Saskheda-Incha	Saskheda - 4, 6, 7 Incha - 111 To 119	500X50X0.8	2.5	7067
2	Dudha-Takalkhopa	Dudha - 2 To 11 Takalkhopa - 204, 235 To 238, 242	350X30X0.8	1.05	2968
3	Takalkhopa - Kirla	Kirla - 40 To 43, 47, 48, 50, 51 Takalkhopa - 40 To 44, 46, 47, 50 To 58, 91 To 97, 102, 360, 281 To 284	650X50X0.8	3.25	9187
4	Kanadi-Limbkheda	Kanadi - 63 To 67, 96 To 100 Limbkheda - 4 To 20	500X50X1	2.5	8834
5	Kanadi - Uswad 1	Kanadi - 47, 41, 40, 39, 37, 36, 25, 23 Uswad 1 - 319 To 323	400X60X1	2.4	8481
6	Devthana - Uswad 1	Devthana - 275, 276, 273, 272, 265, 264, 263 Uswad 1 - 387 To 389, 401, 402	300X50X1	1.5	5300
7	Devthana - Uswad 2	Devthana - 251 To 253, 210, 212 To 218 Uswad 2- 403 To 405, 407 Uswad Shivar	300X50X1	1.5	5300

		Gavthan - 1 To 4			
8	Devthana - Uswad - Khorwad	Devthana - 112 To 121 Uswad - 49, 59 Khorwad - 56	300X40X1	1.2	4240
9	Bhuwan	Bhuwan - 1	500X30X0.8	1.5	4240
10	Waghala - Bhuwan - Pokhari Kendhali	Waghala - 218, 211, 210, 208, 180, 179, 178 Bhuwan - 2 To 19 Pokhari K - 142 To 145	600X50X0.8	3	8481
11	Waghala - Kirla	Waghala — 73 To 76, 80 To 86 Kirla — 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 16, 17, 154, 156	730X40X0.8	2.92	8254

Taluka Jafrabad -

Sr. No.	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand (Brass)
1	Pimpalkhuta — Deulgaon ugle	Pimpalkhuta — 86, 88, 97 Deulgaon ugle — 204, 203, 201	450X23X0.8	1.04	2926

Taluka Bhokardan -

Sr. No.	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand (Brass)
1	Khadki — Borgaon Khadak	Khadki — 130 To 132, 143 To 145 Borgaon Khadak — 50, 49, 133, 132	520X30X0.8	1.56	4409
2	Nanja — Kathora	Nanja- 29 To 31 Kathora Jainpur	520X35X1	1.82	6431

	Jainpur	— 42, 47			
3	Khaparkheda	29, 30, 33, 35	650X20X1	1.3	4594
4	Merkheda	30 To 34	300X40X1	1.2	4240
5	Pimpalgaon Sul	02, 03, 07, 08	450X25X0.8	1.125	3180

Taluka Partur -

Sr. No.	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand (Brass)
1	Amba	78, 79, 80, 81	500X25X0.8	1.25	3534
2	Dolhara — Babultara	Dolhara — 54, 55, 59, 60, 61, 72 To 77 Babultara — 41 To 46	580X55X0.5	3.19	5636
3	Babai	46 To 49, 44, 52, 54, 166, 55 To 64	550X55X0.5	3.025	5345

Taluka Badnapur -

Sr. No.	Name of Sand Ghat	Gut No.	Area LengthxWidthxDepth	Area Hectares	Available Sand (Brass)
1	Bajar Vahegaon	260, 261, 262, 275 To 282, 286	1100X10X1	1.1	3887
2	Nanegaon	17 To 21, 26, 28	1000X10X1	1	3534
3	Kadegaon	128, 181, 180, 175, 179, 173, 149, 155 To 164	445X80X1	3.56	12580
4	Varudi	204, 255, 306, 304, 303, 273, 253, 250, 204, 307, 308, 309, 311, 314, 199, 195, 188, 190, 104	300X60X2	1.8	12721
5	Manjargaon	91, 124, 125,	900X15X1	1.35	4770

		131, 139, 138, 134, 132, 133, 135, 199, 201, 203, 204, 212, 213, 215, 216, 221, 222, 223			
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The above information is recorded and included in brief in the minutes.

Shrimati Sindhu Kapre, Convener and Sub Regional Officer, MPCB, Jalna 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. Kishore Doifode, Talathi, Babultara Dolhara** asked that whether it is mandatory or compulsory to plant trees around the proposed Sand ghat project.

The project consultant said that after the auction process of the said sand Ghat is completed, it is mandatory for the depo holders to plant trees as per the guidelines given under the Environment management plan.

2. **Shri. Vitthal Uphad, Talathi, Mantha** asked that sand extraction was done according to depo holders like last year. Will sand extraction be done in the same way this year also.

On this, the project consultant said that all the sand Ghats will be auctioned as per the sand extraction policy dated 08 April 2025 and after the auction, the auctioneer will be able to participate in person as per the government policy.

3. **Shri. Manish Holkar, Member and Regional Officer, MPC Board, Ch. Sambhajinagar** asked the project consultant that the estimated cost given in the said Sand Ghats for Environmental Management Plan seems to be a same or repetition of the cost given in the previous year. Also, asked out of this cost how much of the cost was spent on environmental management.

On this, the project consultant said that the sand ghats approved in last year are different and the current sand ghats are newly proposed. An estimated amount is given every year in the environmental management plan. In this, the transportation cost, tree plantation cost is more or less depending on the length, width and depth. According to the study of all these factors, the EMP report is prepared in the final stage. Also, the environmental management plan mentioned last year has been completed.

Shri. Manish Holkar asked whether we have submitted the six-month compliance report regarding the sand Ghats and you did not mention the latitude and longitude in the presentation.

On this, the project consultant said that the duration of the said sand Ghat is given for a maximum of one or two years, hence a six-month compliance report is not prepared. Under the said management plan, the compliance report is submitted to the Hon. Tehsildar or Hon. Mining Officer. After that, the said compliance report is examined in the District Monitoring Committee formed under the chairmanship of Hon. District Collector. Also, information regarding latitude and longitude is mentioned in the survey report. Also, the said sand Ghat excavation is proposed for two years, sand will be excavated as per the planned capacity given in it. Also, the said excavation is measured so that no illegal sand will be excavated.

Further, Shrimati. Rita Metrewar, Chairman and Additional District Collector Jalna said that the auction of the sand Ghats approved last year has been completed and the said sand Ghats have been certified.

4. Shrimati. Sindhu Kapre, Convenor and Sub Regional Officer, MPC Board, Jalna asked the project consultant, what is the approximate depth of the said sand/ghats excavation.

The project consultant said that the proposed depth for the sand pit is 0.5 to 0.6 meters, but the specified sand will be excavated above the 2-meter sand depth, length and width will also be as proposed.

5. Shri. Santosh Supekar, Talathi, Antarwali Rathi asked that the proposed sand ghat in Antarwali Rathi village is a total distance of 2 km and is a farm road, so what can be done about it.

On this, Shrimati. Rita Metrewar, Chairman and Additional District Collector Jalna said that the proposal was received from respective Tehsildar only after the survey of the said sand ghat by the Taluka level committee.

Shrimati. Rita Metrewar, Chairman and Additional District Collector Jalna again requested the citizens to ask if they had any further questions regarding the proposed sand ghats, but the present public did not raise any questions or suggestions, after which Chairman of Public Hearing announced & concluded the said environment public hearing.

The Environmental Public Hearing concluded with thanks the chair.



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MPCB, Jalna.



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