

Minutes of Public Hearing of Proposed Sand Ghats on Panzara River at Datarti- I & Akkalpada- I Tal. Sakri, Kusumba & Nyahalod Tal. Dhule and Sand Ghats of Tapi River at Londhare, Khamkheda, Upparpind Tal. Shirpur, and Varpade & Akkadse Tal. Shindkheda, Dist. Dhule conducted on 18/11/2025

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Hon'ble Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board issued order dated 31/10/2025 towards constitution of panel to conduct the said public hearing having Regional Officer (RO), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Nashik as member and Sub-Regional Officer (SRO), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule as convener.

Shri. Pranav Pakhale, SRO, MPCB, Dhule and convener of public hearing welcomed Hon'ble Chairman, Shri. Sandip Patil, Deputy Collector (Administration), Dhule, Shri. Limbaji Bhad, RO, MPCB Nashik and all citizens.

First, of all, convener of public hearing explained that it is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance for certain type of projects according to the provisions of EIA Notification of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated 14/09/2006 and Amendment dated 01/12/2009 and environmental public hearing is mandatory before obtaining the environmental clearance. Proposal to conduct public hearing towards sand mining/excavation at 09 nos of sand ghats is submitted to MPCB on 29/09/2025 along with requisite fees. The proposed sand excavation activity on sand ghats of Panzara river at Datarti & Akkalpada Tal. Sakri, Kusumba & Nyahalod Tal. Dhule and sand ghats of Tapi river at Londhare, Khamkheda, Upparpind Tal. Shirpur, and Varpade & Akkadse Tal. Shindkheda, of Dhule District.

Scheduled date for conducting public hearing is fixed with the approval of Hon'ble District Collector, Dhule. The notice for the public hearing was published in Marathi Daily 'Lokmat' and English 'The Times of India' Daily Newspaper on dated 15/10/2025. The documents containing the information of proposed Sand Ghats were made available at the respective Grampanchayats and other Government offices as given below for the knowledge/ information of the people.

- 1) Collector Office, Dhule
- 2) Zilha Parishad, Dhule
- 3) District Industries Centre, Dhule
- 4) Sub-Divisional Office, Dhule, Dist. Dhule
- 5) Sub-Divisional Office, Shirpur, Dist. Dhule
- 6) Tahsil Office, Sakri, Dhule, Shindkheda, and Shirpur, Dist. Dhule.
- 7) Gram- Panchayat Office - Datarti & Akkalpada Tal. Sakri, Dist. Dhule.
- 8) Gram- Panchayat Office - Kusumba & Nyahalod Tal. & Dist. Dhule.

- 9) Gram- Panchayat Office - Londhare, Khamkheda, Upparpind Tal. Shirpur, Dist. Dhule.
- 10) Gram- Panchayat Office - Varpade & Akkadse Tal. Shindkheda Dist. Dhule.
- 11) Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Second Floor, Fulchand Plaza, Opp. SSVPS College, Biladi Road, Devpur, Dhule
- 12) Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Udyog Bhavan, First Floor, Triambak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik-422007
- 13) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point, Third Floor, Sion (E), Mumbai – 400022
- 14) Environment Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Fifteenth Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai

Convener of public hearing narrated that the main purpose of public hearing is to get acquainted with the citizens views about the various aspects of project and the effects thereof. Also, to make people aware about the pollution control arrangements required in the project and the concerned rules, and to consider the views expressed during the public hearing. Convener of the public hearing mentioned that they have received 01 no. of complaint / concern / suggestion via e-mail to Sub-Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Dhule.

Convener with approval of Hon'ble Chairman requested project proponent to give presentation. Project proponent gave presentation on proposed sand mining / excavation at Datarti & Akkalpada Tal. Sakri, Kusumba & Nyahalod Tal. & Dist. Dhule & Londhare, Khamkheda, Upparpind Tal. Shirpur, & Varpade & Akkadse Tal. Shindkheda Dist. Dhule.

Thereafter, representative of project proponent gave a presentation on proposed Sand Ghats and proposed measures for pollution control during sand mining / excavation.

Convener appealed participants to express their views, objections, instructions etc. The details of views expressed by participants and replies given by project proponent is as below.

Sr. No.	Name of Participant and views expressed	Response of project proponent
1.	<p>Shri. Kishorsing Dattusing Girase, (At. Londhare) -</p> <p>A. The farmers in the village have repeatedly submitted statements to the tahsildar and the district collector, saying that the sand-extraction rules are not being followed. However, no action has been taken. Therefore, since the sand-extraction contractor is not complying with the rules, whom should we approach to lodge a complaint about the violation of these regulations?</p> <p>B. The rules are being flouted, and even after 6 p.m. sand excavation continues.</p>	<p>Shri. Gopal Patil, I/c District Mining Officer, Dhule:</p> <p>A. A complaint should be filed with the nodal officer, i.e. the Tehsildar.</p> <p>Shri. Sandip Patil, Deputy Collector (Administration), Dhule:</p> <p>A. The Tehsildar will be informed regarding this matter.</p>

	<p>Moreover, sand is being excavated to a depth of more than 10 meters.</p> <p>C. The village road has been built to support vehicles weighing up to 8 tons. However, the vehicles transporting sand weigh around 60 tons, which has severely damaged the roads. Heavy vehicles also pose a high risk of accidents.</p> <p>D. Our village has no educational facilities. The village children have to walk a long distance. Sand transport should be stopped for one hour when the children go to school and for one hour when they return home from school, so that no accidents should occur.</p> <p>E. We are not against development; however, we request the government that the sand excavation should be carried out in accordance with the rules. The current road should be repaired, and care should be taken to ensure that the road is not damaged due to sand transportation, the environment is not harmed, and the school children do not face any kind of inconvenience.</p>	
2.	<p>Shri. Prakash Kautik Wagh, (At. Nyahalod) –</p> <p>A. The wastewater from Dhule city enters the riverbed and reaches Nyahalod village. Villages such as Nyahalod, Kundane, Satirane, Nagav, Biladi, Mohadi, and Navhar receive their water supply from this source. Therefore, by implementing recharge programs in the village, the groundwater level can be increased. Sand is essential for water filtration in the village, and if sand is excavated/removed, how will the water be naturally filtered?</p> <p>B. The sand from the river near our village is being stolen. If anyone questions this sand theft or tries to stop it, we are threatened by being told that “if you come in our way, we will deal with you the same way.” Therefore, we oppose this sand excavation.</p>	
3.	<p>Shri. Ketan Rajendra Jain - Bhandari (At. Londhare)</p> <p>A. The village has not received any kind of revenue funds for the past 30 to 35 years.</p>	<p>Shri. Sandip Patil, Deputy Collector (Administration), Dhule:</p> <p>For the said funds, you are requested to submit a proposal to the government through Gram Panchayat so that it will be convenient to carry</p>

	B. An application should also be submitted to the D.M.F. (District Mineral Foundation) for revenue funds.	out the required procedures as per rules laid down under District Mineral Foundation (D.M.F.) towards utilization of contributory fund.
4.	Shri. Yogesh Prabhakar Patil, (Upparpind) – A. The village has not received any kind of funds. B. Due to the heavy vehicles transporting sand, the village roads have deteriorated severely.	Shri. Sandip Patil, Deputy Collector (Administration), Dhule: For the said funds, you are requested to submit a proposal to the government through Gram Panchayat so that it will be convenient to carry out the required procedures as per rules laid down under District Mineral Foundation (D.M.F.) towards utilization of contributory fund.

Convener of Public Hearing Shri. Pranav Pakhale, Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board Dhule and Chairman of Public Hearing Shri. Sandip Patil, Deputy Collector (Administration), Dhule appealed to all participants to express their views, if any. However, no one came forward to express their views.

Shri. Pranav Pakhale, Sub-Regional Officer, M.P.C. Board, Dhule informed that the all the issues raised by the participants are noted. Hon'ble Chairman thanked all citizens for attending the said public hearing and expressing their views and declared that the public hearing is concluded.

Meeting ended with extending thanks to the Chair.

Enclosed herewith 04 written suggestions/objections as received.



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