



PARLIAMENT QUESTION: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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A comprehensive Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) of setting up nuclear power plants at Gorakhpur in Haryana (Gorakhpur Anu Vidyut Pariyojana - GHAVP) including the impact on local water supply was carried out as a part of obtaining environmental clearance for the project from the MoEF&CC.

The EIA study was carried out in line with the Terms of Reference (ToR) approved by MoEF&CC by M/s MECON (A Government of India Enterprise), an accredited agency for the purpose. No adverse impact on the water regime was envisaged by setting up of the project. A public hearing on the EIA report was also held on July 17, 2012. Based on the EIA report, MoEF&CC on December 26, 2013 granted Environmental Clearance for GHAVP-1 to 4.

Special provisions for relaxations in the age and marks have been made in engagement provisions for Project Affected Persons (PAP). Further, preference to suitable local youth is a part of engagement provisions of various contracts. Skill development programmes, scholarships and sponsorships for higher education to the meritorious students in the local area are also provided as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility activities. As on date, NPCIL has made contributions of around 75 crores in CSR activities near GHAVP.

This information given by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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