

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1281
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

Progress of Chutka Nuclear Power Plant

1281 Shri Naresh Bansal:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of the proposed 1400 MW Nuclear Power Plant near Chutka village of Mandla district in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the estimated cost of the Nuclear Power Project being set up and the area proposed and allotted for the development of the Power Plant;
- (c) whether it would be safe to build the Power Plant around the tiger reserve of Kanha National Park and whether Government has made any preliminary studies for the safety precautions of the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) The progress made on the 2X700 MW Chutka project in Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh so far is:
 - i. The land for Chutka project is transferred in the name of NPCIL in the revenue records.
 - ii. NPCIL has deposited the amount for land and R&R package as arrived at by the state Government. Disbursement of compensation to landowners of private land is completed.
 - iii. Construction of R&R colony for Project Affected Persons to be displaced is completed.
 - iv. Agreement is signed with the state Government for allocation of water for the project
 - v. Environmental clearance for the project from the MoEF&CC is obtained.

- vi. The Government of India has accorded administrative approval and financial sanction for Chutka project as a part of the 10 fleet mode reactors.
 - vii. Procurement of long manufacturing cycle equipment for Fleet mode reactors including Chutka is initiated.
 - viii. Physical possession of the land is yet to take place for want of shifting of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) to the R&R colony.
- (b) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 21,000 crore and the total area acquired for the same is 708.19 Ha.
- (c)&(d) Chutka project is located quite far away (more than 50 km aerial distance) from the Kanha Tiger Reserve boundary. Therefore it is not likely to have any impact on the reserve. A detailed Environmental Impact Assessment study of the project was carried out as a part of the process of obtaining Environmental clearance from MoEF&CC.
