

PRESS RELEASE

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Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), grants Environmental Clearance for Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project (JNPP).

In a function held at Mumbai on November 28, 2010, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment and Forest Shri. Jairam Ramesh announced the Environmental Clearance for the JNPP in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Prithviraj Chavan and Hon'ble Deputy CM of Maharashtra Shri Ajit Pawar. The function also was graced by Hon'ble Minister for Environment Shri Sanjay Devtale, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue Shri. Balasaheb Thorat, and Hon'ble Minister for Rehabilitation Shri Patangrao Kadam, from Maharashtra State Government, and Dr. S. Banerjee, Secretary, DAE & Chairman, AEC and Dr. S.K. Jain, CMD, NPCIL & BHAVINI.



*Dr. S. Banerjee, Chairman AEC, Secretary DAE at podium, delivering welcome speech. **On the dais (from left to right):** Hon'ble Minister for Rehabilitation Shri Patangrao Kadam, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue Shri. Balasaheb Thorat, Hon'ble Minister of State for Environment and Forest Shri. Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Prithviraj Chavan, Hon'ble Deputy CM of Maharashtra Shri Ajit Pawar, Hon'ble Minister for Environment Shri Sanjay Devtale, and Dr. S.K. Jain, CMD, NPCIL & BHAVINI.*

The JNPP comprises six EPRs each of 1650 MW, proposed to be set up in a phased manner in twin unit construction mode over a period of 15-17 years by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) in technical collaboration with AREVA, France at Village Madban, Taluka Rajapur, District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra State. The first EPR unit at Jaitapur is expected to start generating electricity within seven years from now.

With the Environmental Clearance, an important milestone for the project implementation, NPCIL can now proceed with the further activities associated with the setting up of these reactors.



Hon'ble Minister of State (Environment and Forest) Shri. Jairam Ramesh hands over the Environmental Clearance to Dr. S. Banerjee, Chairman AEC, Secretary DAE in the gracious presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri. Prithviraj Chavan.

The Environmental Clearance has been granted based on the in-depth review of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) study report, Public Hearing and response to the public observations/ submissions by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of MoEF. The EAC had visited Jaitapur site in October 28, 2010 as a part of this review process.

The EIA and associated studies have been carried out in detail over the last few years by National Environmental Engineering and Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur in collaboration with several other reputed organizations specializing in specific environment studies. These studies include, “Pre-operational Baseline Radiological Survey of the Area around JNPP Site” and “Radiological Dose Apportionment”, studies - by Health Physics Division (HPD), BARC, Mumbai., “Thermal Dispersion Studies for Condenser Cooling Water (CCW) Discharges” and “Safe Grade Elevation Studies” - by Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune, Baseline Biodiversity Study of the area around JNPP Site” – by College of Forestry, Konkan Krishi Vidyapith, “Marine Ecological Studies” –by College of Fisheries, Ratnagiri, Konkan Krishi Vidyapith, Dapoli, HTL, LTL and Costal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Demarcation Study”- by National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai.

The acquisition of the land by NPCIL for the Jaitapur nuclear power park will not lead to any displacement of population (No Displacement of people).

On October 16, 2010 NPCIL has signed Rehabilitation Package Agreement for the ‘Project Affected Families’ with the Maharashtra State Government.

The setting up of JNPP will provide the electricity to the beneficiary states including the Maharashtra State, employment, business and several other growth opportunities to the locals in addition to the development of infrastructure in the surrounding areas. The benefits of NPCIL community development programmes like providing support in education, medical facilities, and self employment schemes indeed will bring in prosperity in the surrounding areas.