

ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE

EIA GUIDELINES FOR PORTS AND HARBOURS

05th May 2015

LSQ *547

RAMSINH PATALYABHAI RATHWA

Will the Minister of **ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the guidelines laid down for regulating the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies for the ports and harbours in the country including existing criteria for development projects;
- (b) whether the Government has received representations from various States including Gujarat to accord clearance to projects in coastal stretches without comprehensive EIA report based on aforesaid guidelines; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 547 by Shri Ramsinh Rathwa regarding "EIA Guidelines for Ports and Harbours" for 05.05.2015:

- (a) All developmental projects as specified in the EIA Notification, 2006 require prior environmental clearance. The prescribed guidelines for conduct of EIA study necessitate that sector and location specific Terms of Reference for the study is approved by the Expert Appraisal Committee constituted under EIA Notification, 2006.
- (b) and (c) A request was received from the Government of Gujarat to consider port and harbour projects for Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance in low and medium eroding coastal stretches based on rapid Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) instead of comprehensive EIA Report. A rapid EIA report is prepared based on one season data whereas the comprehensive EIA is prepared based on three season data. This requirement is uniformly applicable throughout the country. Hence, the proposal could not be considered.

EIA FOR LOW MEDIUM EROSION

05th May 2015

LSQ 6221

JAYSHREEBEN PATEL

Will the Minister of **ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government to make modification in the policy for low and medium erosion areas to have Rapid EIA instead of comprehensive EIA for getting environment and CRZ clearances which will result in early completion of new projects or expansion of projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be finalized?

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat requested to consider projects for Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance in low and medium eroding coastal stretches based on rapid Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) instead of comprehensive EIA Report. The request could not be considered since a rapid EIA, which is based on one season data may not address all the environmental concerns. As per the procedure prescribed for seeking prior clearance under the CRZ Notification, 2011, all project proposals in stretches classified as low and medium eroding as well as stable coasts shall be accompanied by comprehensive EIA studies based on three season data. This requirement is uniformly applicable throughout the country. To conserve and protect such coastal stretches, promote development through sustainable manner, it is important that comprehensive EIA studies are carried out based on scientific principles and Environment Management Plans worked out accordingly before considering proposals in such stretches.

MINISTRY OF ATOMIC ENERGY CHANGE

EIA REPORT ON MITHIVIRDI NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

17th December 2014

LSQ 3955

KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI

Will the Minister of **ATOMIC ENERGY** be pleased to state:-

- (a) the main findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposed Mithivirdi Nuclear Power Plant in Gujarat;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any measures to address the issues flagged in the report; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

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

(a) The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report in respect of the proposed nuclear power plant at Chhaya Mithi Virdi in Gujarat has found that the setting up of the nuclear power plant at the site would not adversely affect the environment around the site.

(b)&(c) The application of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) for environmental clearance including the EIA report is being reviewed by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) of the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF). The EAC during its meeting held on May 06, 2014 had sought additional information / details, which have since been submitted to the EAC by NPCIL.