

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2344
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2016

ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2344. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environment Management Plan has been completed for nuclear power plant at Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay along with the present status of the Project?

ANSWER

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies as per earlier approved Terms of Reference (ToR) were completed. However, as the validity of the ToRs had ended, fresh ToRs in line with the revised 'in principle' approval of the site by the Government was submitted to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF &CC). The fresh ToRs have been approved and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies in line with them have been initiated.

At present, the land acquisition proceedings, site investigations, process of obtaining statutory clearances and techno-commercial discussions with Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) to arrive at a project proposal are underway.
