

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5356
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018

INDIA-BASED NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

5356. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has written to the State of Tamil Nadu to grant permission to set up India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) in Theni, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response received by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the time by which the INO is estimated to be operationalised; and
- (d) the total budget estimate for the project?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) During December, 2010 the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) had sent letter to Government of Tamil Nadu for allotment of land to set up India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) surface facilities & for setting up of the National Centre for High Energy Physics-INO centre. Accordingly, Government of Tamil Nadu had allotted land of 26.8 ha for the project at Bodi West Hills (BWH), Theni District, Tamil Nadu.
- (c) Seven years after obtaining all statutory clearances.
- (d) Sanctioned cost of the project is Rs.1583 Crore.
