

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1381  
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NEUTRINO RESEARCH CENTRE  
Dhanaplan Shri K. P.

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

- (a) the present status of the proposed Neutrino Research Centre at Theny, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether there has been any environmental concerns regarding the setting up of the said Centre; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) The India based Neutrino Observatory (INO) Project is proposed to be set up at Bodi West Hills in Pottipuram village, Theni District, Tamilnadu. The Government of Tamilnadu has provided land for setting up of this underground laboratory and the action is on hand to take possession of land.

(b) & (c) There are no environmental concerns since INO is a laboratory for basic sciences. There will be no emission of any toxic substances, no radioactivity or any other hazardous substances. The laboratory is not going to be set up in any forest land and will be situated well away from wild life sanctuaries. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India has given environmental clearance and the forest clearance has also been granted to the project by the Government of Tamilnadu.