

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1581

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PROTEST AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some recent protests have come to the notice of the Government against setting up of Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project on scientific and environmental grounds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) There have been sporadic protests by a section of the locals against setting up of the nuclear power plant at Jaitapur. Groups ideologically opposed to nuclear power have also protested against the setting up of the plant.
- (b) The protests have been mainly on account of issues related to Rehabilitation package, apprehensions about loss of traditional means of livelihood and safety of the plant.
- (c) A large public outreach programme based on a multipronged approach is implemented to address the apprehensions of the people about safety of nuclear power and related issues and allay their fears in a credible manner.