

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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JAITAPUR ATOMIC POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval has been accorded by the empowered committee of the Ministry of Environment to the Biodiversity Conservation Scheme for Jaitapur Atomic Power Project in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)& (b) Yes Sir. The Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) constituted by the Ministry for considering the Nuclear power projects for grant of Environment Clearance has approved the Biodiversity Conservation Plan(BCP), submitted by the Nuclear Power Corporation (NPCIL) for Jaitapur Nuclear Power Park (6x 1650 MWe) at Village Madban, Taluka Rajapur, District Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, in its meeting held on 6th May, 2014. The committee observed that BCP is a unique and important document identifying various issues required for the biodiversity conservation in the Jaitapur area and now action has to be taken in short-term and long-term. NPCIL should be responsible to implement the plan in its study area and any other scope in its program. The Monitoring Committee, already constituted by the NPCIL, may continue to monitor satisfactory implementation of BCP programme in its study area.