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Title: Need to accord approval to the setting up of biogas plant, a project formulated by Kirkee Cantonment Board, Pune, Maharashtra.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (PUNE): The Kirkee Cantonment Board, Pune had formulated a biogas plant project and submitted its detailed project report to the Southern Command Headquarters for approval two years ago. The proposed biogas plant is useful in many ways as it will process at least 5 tonnes of garbage and generate about 400 units of power per day which is enough to illuminate more than 250 street lights. Installation of this plant will enable the Kirkee Cantonment Board to save at least about Rs. 50 thousand per month.

The original estimated cost of this plant was Rs. 50 lakhs only, which due to inordinate delay in required approval has by now escalated upto approximately Rs. 1 crore.

In view of the crucial importance of this project for the people of Kirkee Cantonment Area in terms of sanitation, light arrangement and security, through you, I urge upon the Defence Minister to look into this matter and instruct the authorities concerned to accelerate the process of sanctioning of this biogas plant project.