

Regarding Need to recruit eligible local candidates in NTPC project in Solapur, Maharashtra- Laid

SUSHRI PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE (SOLAPUR): Years after land was acquired for the NTPC project in Solapur, the project-affected farmers continue to face serious difficulties. While initial compensation was provided, many are still awaiting the full and adequate compensation promised under revised provisions. The prolonged delay has led to severe financial strain, forcing families into debt while they wait for their dues. Adding to their distress is the denial of employment opportunities. Despite repeated appeals, local youth from affected families are being overlooked for jobs in the project, while candidates from outside are being preferred. This has increased local unemployment and fueled resentment in the community. Alarming reports have also emerged of bribes being demanded in exchange for job placements, further victimizing those already suffering. The absence of accountability and support has pushed some individuals into deep despair, with at least one reported suicide in July 2025. Given the gravity of the situation, the Government must urgently respond to ensure that all affected individuals receive their rightful compensation without further delay and to prioritize the local, eligible youth for employment therein.