

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN PUNJAB

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

- (a) whether Nuclear Power Corporation's selection panel has selected any site in Punjab for setting up of nuclear power plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether villagers are agitating against the site selection;
- (d) if so, the demands of the villagers; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, in the context of the on-going process of evaluation of the sites in Northern Electricity Region, by the Site Selection Committee constituted by Department of Atomic Energy, a nodal agency has been nominated by the Punjab Government for collecting and updating of the site data at Darouli Village near Patran in Samana Tehsil of Patiala District from that state. Setting up of a Nuclear Power Plant in any region will however depend upon the energy alternatives available to a region, availability of funds to set up the plant, techno-economic considerations and availability of suitable sites.

(c),(d)& (e)The concern of the villagers appear to be on the land acquisition and rehabilitation package if a decision is taken to set up a plant. It is premature at this stage, to give the Government's reaction on this subject until site investigations are completed and a decision is taken for setting up a project.