

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2616
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2004
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE TO NTPC PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the documents of NTPC project, Sipat in Bilaspur District relating to its technical modification and its likely impact on Bilaspur city in accordance with conditions of clearance dated January 14,2000 have been received by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether final environmental clearance for this project has been provided;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether permission for laying MGR(Korba to Sipat) rail line, needed for the project through forest land has been granted;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, and
- (g) by when the project is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI. NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) All the documents/details of the said NTPC Project at Sipat including maximum ground level concentration (GLC) values of various pollutants at the periphery of the Bilaspur city, details of super critical boiler technology and the changes envisaged due to this including change in unit size from 4X500 MW to 3X660 MW, requisite amendment from Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board regarding zero effluent charge and comprehensive rehabilitation plan have since been received.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Final environment clearance for this project has been accorded Vide letter No.J-13011/10/96-IA.II (T) dated 30th April,2002 subject to implementation of necessary environmental safeguards.
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) The final approval for diversion of 60 ha of forest land for construction of railway line and MGR system for the project has been issued on 30th June, 2004 subject to fulfillment of stipulated terms and conditions.
- (g) Does not arise in view of replies to parts (c) and (e) above.