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Title: Need to stop the work on Jaitapur Nuclear Power Plant due to the possibility of a danger from an earthquake.

SK. SAIDUL HAQUE : Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for giving me permission to speak. The Government is going to construct 9900 MW nuclear power plant in Jaitapur in Maharashtra. People and villagers in and around the area are agitating against the proposed plant. Jaitapur falls in the Seismic Zone 3 category and data from the Geological Survey of India shows that between 1985 and 2003, there were 92 earthquakes there. The biggest earthquake in Jaitapur was recorded in 1993 measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale. The unrecorded earthquake took place two years ago. The geologists tell that the ground is unstable. In the face of Japan earthquake and its effects on the Nuclear Power Plant, our hon. Prime Minister has told that they are taking every measure for safeguard. But there is no guarantee that the Government's safeguard will protect the people and ecologically sensitive Konkan Coast from a nuclear disaster if another earthquake happens there. Environmentalists tell that the third explosion at the Fokushima Plant in Japan confirms that in the event of an earthquake, precautionary measures and safeguards will not avert a disaster. So it is better not to have a nuclear power plant in this seismic zone at Jaitapur in Maharashtra. The Government should accept the people's demand not to have a power plant there and also in other places which pose a danger to the people at large. Thank you, Sir.