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Title: Need to conduct proper environment impact assessment of the proposed Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC in Chhattisgarh.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): NTPC is setting up a Super Thermal Power Plant in the Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh and the site is only 2 Kilometres from the Odisha- Chhattisgarh inter State border. The public hearing for the project was done in December 2011 in Chhattisgarh only. No information with regard to the conduct of public hearing was circulated in the villages of Odisha which are likely to be affected by this project. The proceedings of the Expert Committee of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change are also silent on proximity of the plant to Odisha-Chhattisgarh boundary. My fear is that the environment appraisal of the project has been done without taking into consideration the impact of pollution on the villages of Odisha located near the Odisha-Chhattisgarh border. My demand is that a proper environment impact assessment must be conducted and the opinion of the people of Odisha living near the plant site be taken into consideration before proceeding further as they are in the affected Zone.