

- (ii) Pending statutory clearances by State Government *viz.* Grant of mining lease, Consent for establishment, Finalisation of land lease agreement with local people etc. due to above concerns.

Similarly, uranium deposit at Domiasiat (Presently named as Kyelleng Pyndengsohiong Mawathabah) in Meghalaya was discovered in 1992. UCIL has been attempting to develop this deposit by setting up of an open pit mine and establishing a process plant.

The project activities could not make any progress primarily due to following reasons:

- (i) Negative public perception on uranium mining by anti-nuclear NGOs in that area.
- (ii) Pending statutory clearances by State Government *viz.* Grant of mining lease, Consent for establishment, Finalisation of land lease agreement with local people etc. due to sensitive social/ political/ administrative concerns.

(b) In respect of the Meghalaya site, UCIL has set up an office at Shillong and has taken up a number of welfare related activities for public to mobilise public opinion in favour of uranium mining. Some of the significant activities include construction of a 20 km road connecting the project site, supporting medical facilities near the project site, creating a technical human resource base by supporting higher education of meritorious students, supporting sports and cultural activities, organising symposiums on atomic energy emphasising uranium mining etc. UCIL officials are regularly in touch with the State administration to pursue for obtaining clearances. Similarly, efforts are made for obtaining necessary clearances from Government of Andhra Pradesh in respect of the Lambapur - Peddagattu site.

#### **Capacity enhancing of Kota Atomic Power Plant**

†2297. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state that whether it is a fact that the work on enhancing the capacity of Kota Atomic Power Station (KAPS) in Rajasthan is underway, if so, the expenditure to be incurred on the same, and the time-frame for completion of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): Yes, Sir. Construction of Units 7 and 8 (2X700 MW) of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan is underway. Against the sanctioned cost of ₹ 12320 crore, an expenditure of ₹ 3061 crore has been incurred on the project as of May, 2014. scheduled time line of completion of the project is 2016-2017.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.