

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Government have exempted the buildings for industrial sheds, schools, colleges, university and hostel of educational institutions from the requirement of prior environmental clearance *vide* amendment dated 22nd December, 2014 in EIA Notification, 2006 read with O.M.No.19-2/2013-IA.III dated 09.06.2015. The reasons for providing the exemption include:

- (i) buildings with such projects do not cause severe environmental damage;
- (ii) sufficient environmental safeguards are being mandated to ensure sustainable environmental management for solid and liquid waste discharge, rain water harvesting and use of recycled materials in construction, and others; and
- (iii) the purpose of use of such building is outside the ambit of requirement of environmental clearance and process of seeking environmental clearance delays the projects.

The guidelines to be followed for such projects specify the requirements of compliance of certain conditions in terms of environmental parameters namely, ground water, waste water treatment, drainage pattern, solid waste management, air quality and noise levels, energy green belt, socio-economic impact, environment management plan, etc.

#### **Offer for Nuclear site from Andhra Pradesh**

\*38. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering the offer of a site from Andhra Pradesh to set up a Russian Nuclear Power Plant which was originally planned to be set up in Eastern India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government is considering to set up a Nuclear Fuel Complex in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof including the outlay, installed capacity, job creation and time-frame for completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH) : (a) Discussions between the Department of Atomic Energy and the Government of Andhra Pradesh for location of the second Russian technology based Nuclear Power Plant are at an advanced stage.

(b) Nuclear Fuel Complex, a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy had proposed to set up a fuel fabrication facility to manufacture fuel for the new Nuclear power plants to be set up by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) in the near future. Accordingly the requirements of land, power and water for setting up the facility were communicated to various State Governments viz. Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Odisha with a request to indentify suitable site(s) for the same.

Discussions with the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard are at an advanced stage.

(c) The details of the installed capacity, financial outlay, number of jobs likely to be created, and the time-frame for completion will be worked out as a part of the detailed project report, when finalised for approval.

#### **Toilets in upcoming metro stations**

\*39. MOHD. ALI KHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the upcoming metro stations will have toilets in paid area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status thereof along with the funds sanctioned/spent in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Direction has been issued to all metro companies implementing metro projects under 50:50 joint venture partnership between Government of India (GoI) and respective State/Union Territory Governments to provide toilets in the paid area of all proposed metro stations.

All metro stations of metro projects being implemented under 50:50 joint venture partnership between Government of India (GoI) and respective State/Union Territory Governments have toilets in the paid and/or unpaid area. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has informed that 32 upcoming stations under Delhi Metro Phase-III project in Delhi have toilets in the paid area.

There are no separate funds earmarked for construction of toilets at metro stations. Toilets are integral part of station design and the cost of construction of toilets is part of the project cost.