

(b) whether Social Impact Assessment Study of the proposed plant is taken up, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The land proposed to be acquired for the project comprises 599.20 acres of Private land, 791.37 acres of Government land and 683.94 acres of Assigned land totaling to 2074.51 acres.

(b) Social Impact Assessment (SIA) study has been taken up and notification for the same has been issued by the State Government. The Commissioner, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R), Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI), Hyderabad as the SIA team.

#### **Effect of non-inclusion in NSG on energy production**

405. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that non-inclusion of India in NSG would impact its effort to produce atomic energy for peaceful purposes, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) what would be further advantages of our joining NSG other than strategic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) India is currently engaged in nuclear trade with international partners based on a waiver from Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) in 2008. The waiver is in the form of a concession without according India the status of a full member of NSG and therefore has an element of unpredictability and attendant risks in the long-run for India's long-term nuclear power programme. Full membership of the NSG would enable India to have enhanced and predictable global access to nuclear technology, fuel, materials and components required for our expanding civil nuclear programme. It would advance energy security, contribute to India's growth strategy based on clean energy to combat climate change, and strengthen global nuclear non-proliferation.

#### **Sports schools in North-Eastern States**

406. SHRI D. P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any plans to open sports schools in the North Eastern States; and

(b) whether there has been a proposal to do so, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) No proposal to open sports schools is presently under consideration in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

#### **Appointments in ICMAM and NIOT**

407. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has appointed adequately qualified scientists and research officers in the Integrated Coastal and Marine Area Management (ICMAM) and National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) in Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the vacancy position as on date in both ICMAM and NIOT;

(c) whether Government has taken any new research projects in both these centres and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the funds allocated, disbursed and utilized in the last five years, year-wise; and

(e) whether Government has taken any decision on the appointment of directors and research officers in both ICMAM and NIOT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI Y. S. CHOWDARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Vacancy position in respect of ICMAM is Scientist D (3 posts) and of NIOT is Scientist C (1 post) respectively.

(c) and (d) Both ICMAM and NIOT have regular ongoing activities in addition to several new research projects that have been undertaken. The details of these new research projects and funds allocated, disbursed and utilized in the last five years, year-wise is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(e) NIOT has a sanctioned post of Director and action to fill up the post is under process. The meeting of the Search-cum-Selection Committee is scheduled for 2nd August 2016. Pending appointment of regular incumbent, officiating charge has been entrusted with the approval of Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC). ICMAM being a small organization, the senior most scientist has been designated as Head of the organization and also delegated the power to carry out research activities.