

Public Awareness Program for Talati-Mantri of villages near Mithivirdi Project on 07.10.2012 at Bhavnagar

A public Awareness program for Talati-Mantri of Talaja Taluka was organized at Hotel Park View, Bhavnagar on 07.10.2012 from 10:30 Hrs. to 13:30 Hrs. Total 37 Talati-Mantrim of Talaja Taluka within 20 Km radius of Mithivirdi project were invited to attend presentation on Nuclear Power. About 29 persons attended the program.

The program duration was 2 hours. At the beginning, working model of PHWR with commentary was displayed to the gathering and they were explained about working of Nuclear Power Plant. Gujarati comic video Budhiya Part-1 was screened. Kits containing all the literature booklets on Nuclear Power, Radiation, Cancer, Environment, etc were distributed to them. There was a powerpoint presentation in Gujarati language on Nuclear Power covering all the aspects like other sources of electricity and their limitations, Environment, Global warming, radiation, close fuel cycle, tariff, safety in NPP, etc. were discussed. An exhibition through banners was displayed.

At the end, during question session many questions were asked as listed below.

- Total how many persons will be employed in NPP?
- What are benefits to people of Bhavnagar district from NPP?
- Effect of natural calamities on NPP.
- Whether the project can be shifted to other nearby place having unfertile land?

All the questions were answered to full satisfaction of participants.

This program was organized as Public Hearing for Environmental Clearance is to be conducted in couple of months. Talati-Mantri being government representative has a vital role in Public Hearing as the reports and information about the project are to be sent to his office for study of the people. If they are aware of the Nuclear Power technology, they can explain to the people of the village to their satisfaction.

A group of about 25 people from “Lions Club” of Bhavnagar having their meeting at the same venue, shown interest in having brief explanation about Nuclear Power. Working of NPP was explained to them through working model and their queries were replied. They felt that the program was interesting and requested us to arrange full presentation for them. A PA program for them will be arranged shortly.

Photographs of the program are attached herewith.



