

**Public Awareness Program for Talati-Mantri of villages near Mithivirdi Project on
22.07.2012 at Bhavnagar**

A public Awareness program for Talati-Mantri of Bhavnagar and Ghogha Taluka was organized at Hotel Park View, Bhavnagar on 22.07.2012 from 5 PM to 8 PM. Total 35 Talati-Mantri, of Ghogha and Bhavnagar Taluka within 15 Km radius of Mithivirdi project were invited to attend presentation on Nuclear Power. About 32 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. Kits containing all the literature booklets on Nuclear Power, Radiation, Cancer, Environment, etc were distributed to them. There was a power point 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.

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

- Total how many persons will be employed in NPP?
- Whether land will be given against land to the farmers?
- Why staff township is established beyond 5 Km?
- What are benefits to people of Bhavnagar district from NPP?
- Effect of earthquake and Tsunami on NPP.
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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.



Participants viewing NPP model



Participants in the presentation



Question – Answer Session