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Sub: Awareness programme for journalists from Kovvada at MAPS.

A team of 30 journalists from Kovvada Site, Srikakulam District visited MAPS as a part of Awareness programme during the period from 18.6.2013 to 20.6.2013. Two officials of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh apart from NPCIL Officials of Kovvada project also accompanied them.

On the first day (18/6/2013), a briefing was given to all the media personnel about the CSR programme and activities undertaken by MAPS in the neighbouring villages for the social development. A field visit to various CSR projects implemented by MAPS in the past was organized in the afternoon. The journalists gained a positive impression of the CSR activities through these visits.

On the second day (19/6/2013), a one-day Awareness program was organized at MAPS site. The program started with address by Station Director, MAPS followed by CS, OS, CPE (Kovvada) and AGM(HR).

A presentation on "Need for and Safety features of Nuclear reactors" was made by Shri.M.Venkatachalam, OS. The need of Nuclear Power, various safety features of the plant during normal and off normal situations were widely covered in the talk. This attracted the attention of the group at large and queries were raised about the plant at Kovvada such as the need for going to higher capacity plant, necessity for the foreign technology, etc. All their queries were addressed and clarified. Another presentation was made on "Radiation - A

perspective” by the undersigned in Telugu. Introduction about natural radiation and environmental monitoring aspects followed at MAPS with particular stress to public safety was the essence of the talk. Many queries were raised on whether the radiation from plant and natural background were different, and whether any difference was observed in life expectancy and these were clarified. There was an interactive session with PD, Kovvada in which the questions were focused on issues related to land acquisition for Kovvada project, R&R package, etc. All the queries were addressed to their satisfaction. The journalists were then taken for the plant visit and explained about the various safety features and eco-friendly nature of nuclear power.

On the third and last day (20/6/2013), the journalists visited the ESL and were briefed about the environmental monitoring programme and activities carried out to ensure public safety at NPP sites. This was followed by a visit to BHAVINI, where they were explained about the fast breeder reactor programme and the PFBR project.

Overall the journalists were very happy about the programme and expressed their satisfaction and during discussions it emerged from some journalists that they would positively bring out the news. The news from the leading English daily and few stills of the programme are attached.



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