

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1415
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019
KPM URANIUM PROJECT, MEGHALAYA

1415. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) the activities which have been undertaken at the KPM Uranium project, Meghalaya since the discovery of the orebody;
- (b) the number of new jobs, if any, created at the above mentioned Project during last five years; and
- (c) the number of people belonging to SC/ST and other disadvantaged communities who have been employed at the Project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

- (a) The Kylleng Pyndengsohiong Mawthabah (KPM) Uranium Project located in West Khasi District, Meghalaya was discovered and ore reserves were established in 1992 by Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMD), a Constituent Unit of Department of Atomic Energy. A Feasibility Report was prepared by Uranium Corporation of India Ltd (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under Department of Atomic Energy in March 2001 to establish mining, processing and other related facilities. Encouraged by the results of study, UCIL have engaged Engineers India Limited (EIL) in October 2002 to prepare a Detailed Project Report. Accordingly, UCIL has planned to set up an open-pit mine at Kylleng-Pyndengsohiong and a processing plant at the site.

The project has undergone several stages of studies and preparation of reports which include Detailed Project Reports, environmental baseline studies, EIA/EMP Reports, etc. Public hearing was successfully conducted in June 2007. Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) granted environmental Clearance in December 2007. Other applications for mining lease, consent for establishment and transfer of land on lease have been made, which are pending for approval with the Meghalaya State Government. An agreement was signed between UCIL and the land owners of the project site in March 2007 for acquisition of land on annual lease rent basis, which is also pending for approval. UCIL has constructed a 20 km approach road from Wahkaji to Mawthabah along with several bridges and culverts etc.

- (b) Five mining engineers have been recruited by UCIL for above mentioned project during last five years.
- (c) All above five mining engineers recruited by UCIL belong to SC/ST communities.