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Mumbai High Court Bench for early solution of problems of Tarapur
Atomic Plant Project Affected Persons

Mumbai, Thursday : “We want early solution of problems of project affected persons (PAPs) of Tarapur Atomic Power Plant. Come fully prepared with details of work done so far,” directed Bench of Mumbai High Court Justice Smt. Ranjana Desai and Justice Shri R.V. More today to Nuclear Power Corporation and Maharashtra State Government. This information was given by Shri Ram Naik, former Petroleum Minister who has intervened in the Writ Petition filed by the PAPs.

Giving more details Shri Ram Naik said, “Though more than 5 years have elapsed after commissioning of 1080 Mwe Tarapur Atomic Power Plant units 3 and 4, various problems of PAPs are still persisting. The Writ Petition was filed in 2004. While some problems are solved, many are yet to be solved. As the Writ was not heard in the last 21 months, I had appealed for early hearing which took place today. The important issues raised by me were provision of coastal land for fishermen, implementation of decisions taken by the Grievances Redressal Committee, giving benefits as per Government of India, Policy for Resettlement and Rehabilitation, etc. On behalf of PAPs, Adv. Rajiv Patil stressed the construction of houses, inadequate civic amenities, etc. He also requested for early disposal of the case.”

Adv. Lopa Munim argued on behalf of the Nuclear Power Corporation Ltd. (NPCL). Justice Smt. Ranjana Desai & Justice R.V. More observed that the rehabilitation must be done in all respects. The Bench also directed that the NPCL and State Government should come prepared with full details. The next hearing will be on 11th August.

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