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**TAPP affected workers end their indefinite fast after  
Successful intervention of Ram Naik & Rajendra Gavit**

**Mumbai, Saturday:** Project affected persons (PAPs) of Tarapur Atomic Power Project (TAPP) ended their indefinite fast yesterday after successful intervention of Shri Ram Naik, former Petroleum Minister & Shri Rajendra Gavit, M.L.A. The PAPs were on fast since 7th June as they want permanent jobs instead of casual or temporary appointments. This information is given by the office of Shri Naik.

TAPP had appointed PAPs of project I & II as casual / temporary labors since last two decades. However, now instead of offering any permanent job these PAPs are deprived of their livelihood under the pretext of labor cut or reasons like age, education, etc. In spite of repeated demands and also instructions of the District Collector the Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) did not have any dialogue with the PAPs. Hence the PAPs were on indefinite fast since 7th June.

Shri Ram Naik had represented the area in the parliament for five successive terms. Obviously he called on the fasting PAPs. At the same time local M.L.A. Shri Rajendra Gavit also called on the agitators. On the initiative of Shri Naik & Shri Gavit; NPCIL Chairman Dr S K Jain invited PAPs for deliberations on Thursday late evening. Besides Shri Naik & Shri Gavit; five representatives of PAPs viz. S/Shri Vijay Tamore, Santosh Raut, Ravindra Hambire, Ramdas Tamore & Mangesh Pagdhare participated in the talks. NPCIL assured to verify the list of such PAPs within a week. It further assured that since the recruitment is on in TAPP I & II; preference will be given to such persons and age relaxation will be considered as per the rules. NPCIL will also direct its contractors to hire these PAPs on contract. However, Dr Jain expressed inability to absorb anyone as fourth class employee due to new policy of the Central Government which bans such appointments.

After these deliberations PAPs decided to call off their indefinite fast yesterday. The PAPs also expressed their satisfaction for the support of Shri Naik & Shri Gavit. The duo also promised PAPs to have a meeting with Shri Prithviraj Chauhan to request the Government to uplift the ban on the recruitment of fourth class in respect of rehabilitation cases.

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