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**Mumbai High Court suggests all concerned
to sit together for finding a solution for Tarapur PAPs**

Mumbai, Friday : Since the various problems of Tarapur Atomic Energy Project Affected Persons (PAPs) of Akkarpatti-Popharan villages are pending for a long time the Mumbai High Court Bench today suggested all concerned to sit together and find out a solution.

The Mumbai High Court Bench of Justice Smt. Ranjana Desai and Justice Shri A.A. Sayyed heard the writ petition today. The High Court Bench had earlier suggested that every concerned party should give their say in form of an affidavit. Adv. Raju Patil representing Tarapur Anushakti Prkalp Pidit Janata Samiti and the former Central Minister Shri Ram Naik who has intervened in the writ petition drew the attention of the High Court Bench to the fact that drinking water project has not been completed so far. The bench directed the State Government to complete the project without further delay. Shri Ram Naik also invited the attention of the Bench to the Government of India's Rehabilitation Policy 2003 and 2007 and stated that since this is a commercial project of Nuclear Power Corporation it is their duty to provide money for rehabilitation. While the State Government was represented by Adv. Nitin Deshpande, Nuclear Power Corporation was represented by Adv. Rajeev Kumar, Adv. Rajesh Kothari, and Adv. Lopa Munim.

In an affidavit filed will be High Court today Shri Ram Naik stated that due to the cooperation by the PAPs 1,080 MWe Project has been completed before the scheduled date, saving nearly Rs. 400 crore. The first Unit of 540 MWe was completed 230 days ahead of schedule, while the second unit of 540 MWe has been commissioned 166 days before the schedule. Moreover, against the estimated expenditure of Rs. 6,525 crore, the project has been completed with Rs. 6,100 crore thereby saving Rs.425 crore. Thus when Rs.825 crore expenditure has been saved it is not proper on the part of the NPCIL to grudge for giving the benefits as per the Rehabilitation Policy.

Finally the High Court Bench observed that the proceedings are going on for nearly five years. Hence all concerned should sit together and find out the solution. The next hearing will be on 5th October, 2009.

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