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Subject: 2x1000 MW Kudankulam Atomic Power Plant,  
 Rueliapuram Taluka, Tamilnadu of M/s Nuclear Power  
 Corporation.

This has reference to communication No. NPCIL/DIR/KK/2001/M/945 dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2001 enclosing amongst others the communication dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2001 from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board regarding the above mentioned project.

The Ministry has noted the chronology of events of appraisal of the project, the progress made on implementation of the project, both in construction activities as well as the compliance to stipulations made in our environmental clearance letter of even number dated 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1989. The undersecretary has also visited the site on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2001. It was observed during the visit that land acquisition has been completed and construction work on various components such as township, Environmental and Health Research Centre, RO Plant etc. is in progress. The afforestation programme undertaken by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation for introduction of crop varieties with greater tolerance to salinity and enhancement of soil fertility and crop productivity including reclamation of saline soils in coastal area was also taken note of. In pursuance of the discussions at site, NPCIL has submitted vide its letter of 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2001 details of expenditure and commitment made till August, 2001 to the tune of Rs. 5777.26 lakhs for Kudankulam Atomic Power Project.

Keeping in view the steps already taken to implement the project, the environmental clearance issued in May, 1989 stands valid and there is no need to conduct public hearing and seek fresh environmental clearance. The

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project authorities, however, should ensure strict compliance of terms and conditions of environmental clearance. It is also requested that progress on the project be regularly submitted to the Ministry for monitoring purposes.

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