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**PRESS RELEASE**

**DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR REHABILITATION OF FAMILIES IN AND AROUND KAIGA NUCLEAR PLANT.**

“NDMA has asked the State Governments of all the six States with nuclear installations to prepare a plan for development of the 16 KMs EPZ around the Nuclear Plants”, said Shri Reddy, Vice Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority. NDMA in collaboration with all the State Governments or Atomic Energy fraternity had carried out Mock Exercises last year to look at the off-site Nuclear emergency plans as part of its initiatives of enhanced preparedness in the country in the wake of the Fukushima experience at the end. After the Mock Exercises, NDMA advised the State Governments to prepare a development plan covering all the villages and habitations falling under the Emergency Planning Zone. On the basis of this, Government of Karnataka has prepared a proposal for upgrading the infrastructure around the Kaiga Atomic Power Plant.

2. A delegation led by Shri Sitaram Yechury, MP and Member of CPI Politibureau met Shri Reddy and presented a representation with a demand for rehabilitation of the people of 5 villages falling within 5 KM radius around Kaiga Nuclear Plant. Shri Reddy explained that people living in the 1.6 KM sterile zone have been rehabilitated and in the exclusion zone covering 5 KM radius, there are restrictions on development but people are generally not rehabilitated .

3. Shri Reddy explained that various steps are being taken for enhanced preparedness on the directions of the Hon’ble Prime Minister.

4. The delegation was also assured that while there would be no compromise as far as safety of the Nuclear facilities issue is concerned, NDMA is committed to ensure better preparedness. Shri Reddy said “we shall look at sourcing funds from various ongoing programmes and schemes of Government of India and State Government before looking at means for meeting the gap in funding if any”. This could also be taken up with the Planning Commission in future.

5. Shri Reddy felt that people in that area certainly deserve better infrastructure facilities besides health care, education and livelihood opportunities. He also felt that such villages should get better power supply and people should ultimately have better life.

6. Shri Sitaram Yechury, MP appreciated the efforts of NDMA and hoped that it will result in better facilities being created. He also felt that if proper development is made the people will not ask for rehabilitation.