

# THE INSPECTION PANEL

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## IPN REQUEST RQ97/2

May 2, 1997

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

Dear Sir:

***Re: Request for Inspection - India: NTPC Power Generation Project (Loan 3632-IN)***

The Inspection Panel (the "Panel") received on May 1, 1997 a Request for Inspection (the "Request") dated April 25, 1997 from residents of Singrauli, India, represented by Ms. Madhu Kohli, who live in the project area (the "Requesters") who claim that they have been directly, materially and adversely affected by acts and omissions of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "Bank"). The Request claims that the people living in the project area have been, and may potentially be, directly and adversely affected as a result of the execution of the NTPC Power Generation Project—located in the Singrauli region of India about 1000 Km away from Delhi—and the Bank's omissions and failures in the preparation and implementation of the project. The Requesters claim to be harmed as a result of alleged violations of various provisions of Bank policies and procedures set forth, inter alia, in the following:

- Economic Evaluation of Investment Operations (OD 10.04)
- Environmental Assessment (OD 4.01)
- Involuntary Resettlement (OD 4.30)
- Indigenous Peoples (OD 4.20)
- Supervision (OD 13.05)

Ms. Madhu Kohli has submitted original copies of authorization of representation signed by the Requesters, who have requested that their names be made available only to the Inspection Panel members, but otherwise remain confidential.

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Panel's Operating Procedures (the "Operating Procedures"), I am notifying you that I have on May 2, 1997, which is also the date of the dispatch of this notice, registered the Request in the Inspection Panel Register.

All communications with the Requesters in connection with the Request will be sent to Ms. Madhu Kohli at the address listed below.

May 2, 1997

In accordance with paragraph 18 of Bank Resolution No. 93-10 and paragraph 18(d) of the Operating Procedures, Bank Management is hereby notified that it must provide the Panel no later than June 3, 1997 with written evidence that it has complied, or intends to comply with the relevant policies and procedures in the implementation of the above-referenced project. The essential criteria for the response to the Request are set out in paragraph 33 of the Operating Procedures.

The Request has been assigned IPN Request Number RQ97/2.

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman

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