

Strength of Staff in Atomic Power Station, Madras

8144. Shri C. Chittybabu: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the nature of works which are in progress at present and the existing strength of staff in the Madras Atomic Power Station; and

(b) the justification for the present strength compared to the work-load?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (b). The work in progress includes site development, construction of access roads, bridges, residential colony, warehouse, workshop and various preliminary works connected with setting up this atomic power station. In addition, planning, design and engineering work, fabrication and procurement of equipment and materials required for the Project have been taken up.

The existing strength of persons in regular employment on the Project is 156, excluding work-charged and casual daily rated personnel and those employed by the Power Project Engineering Division of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre. This number is fully justified.

Madras Atomic Power Station

8145. Shri C. Chittybabu: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subordinate staff in the Madras Atomic Power Station has been attending office on all Sundays and on all holidays without any compensatory leave; and

(b) if so, whether it is in contravention of the orders of the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment of Staff at Madras Atomic Power Station

8146. Shri C. Chittybabu: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that persons called for interview for appointment to a lower grade have been appointed to a higher grade at the Madras Atomic Power Station;

(b) if so, the number of such persons and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons who were called for the posts of supervisors were appointed as officers; and

(d) if so, how many and why?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) and (c). No, Sir.

(b) and (d). Do not arise.

Staff Cars in Madras Atomic Power Station

8147. Shri C. Chittybabu: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff cars in the Madras Atomic Power Station;

(b) how they are utilised and whether any supervision is exercised to ensure that they are not misused; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on the maintenance of staff cars?

The Prime Minister and Minister of Atomic Energy (Shrimati Indira Gandhi): (a) Two.