

International Airshow, 1993

3100. SHRIMATI CHANDRA PRABHA URS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Committee has been constituted to organise an International Airshow in Bangalore during December, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the composition of the Committee;

(c) the number of countries expected to participate in the proposed show;

(d) the amount sanctioned for the above airshow; and

(e) the advantages of holding such an International Airshow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a). No Sir. Govt. had not constituted any committee.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Companies from 15 countries.

(d) Nil

(e) These Airshows provide an excellent opportunity to our public sector and private aviation companies to advertise their products and develop business contracts for exports.

Kalpakkam Nuclear Reactor

3101. DR. R. MALLU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was another

breakdown at Kalpakkam Nuclear Reactor recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such breakdown;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up a high powered body to enquire into the entire working of nuclear power plants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c). The first unit of Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS-1) is under shutdown for inspection of turbine blades of the unit since August 1, 1993 as per the requirements of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). The turbine inspection is complete and as a result replacement of Low Pressure rotor of the turbine is in progress. This period is being utilised for other planned maintenance jobs. The unit is expected to be back on line in January 1994.

The second unit of Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS-2) was shutdown on September 1, 1993 for inspection of the turbine blades as per the requirements of AERB. The unit was brought back on line after completing the work on September 29, 1993. Subsequently, this unit experienced three outages for short durations ranging from 4 to 17 days. This unit was back on line on December, 12, 1993.

(d) No, Sir. The present administrative and safety review as well as regulatory set up is considered adequate for the operation of the Nuclear Power Stations in the country.

(e) Does not arise.