

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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RADIATION FROM ATOMIC PLANTS

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to higher radiation from various Atomic Power Plants in the country the health of workers working in such plants have been badly affected;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and number of workers affected as a result thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that many new born babies around the habitations near Koodankulam Atomic Project in Tamil Nadu have extra fingers in their hands and feet;
- (d) if so, whether this abnormalcy is a result of nuclear radiation etc.
- (e) if so, whether any scheme has been formulated to deal with the situation; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, PLANNING SPACE, ATOMIC ENERGY & COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) The nuclear power project at Kudankulam is still under construction and the question of emission of any radioactivity from the plant at this stage does not arise.

(e) & (f) Does not arise in view of (c) & (d) above.