

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1884  
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EXPANSION OF NATIONAL FUEL COMPLEX  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the performance of National Fuel Complex in Hyderabad 2003-04;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Nuclear Fuel Complex, is proposed to be expanded with the setting up of other units; and
- (d) if so, the sites chosen therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Under the Department of Atomic Energy, there is no organisation known as National Fuel Complex. However, the performance of Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC), Hyderabad during 2003-04 was satisfactory.

(b) The targets for production set by NFC Board for various products were exceeded during 2003-04. NFC supplied natural and enriched uranium oxide fuel bundles as required by M/s. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. for their operating power stations and zirconium alloy structural components like coolant tubes, calandria tubes and reactivity and shut-off devices for the pressurised heavy water reactors under construction.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Capacities of some of the existing plants are being augmented and some new plants being added. NFC is setting up a Zirconium Oxide and Sponge plant at Palayakayal, near Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu. The project related work is in progress.