

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF NUCLEAR OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the representatives of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) visited Kaiga Atomic Power Station; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE, INDEPENDENT CHARGE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF STATE FOR PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) is non-government, non-political and non-profit making world organization of nuclear operators with a mission to maximize the safety and reliability of operation of nuclear power plants by exchanging information and encourage communication, comparison and emulation amongst its members. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL), a public sector undertaking of Department of Atomic Energy is one of the founder members of this association. All the nuclear power operators of the 30 countries are represented in WANO.

As a part of WANO charter, the general meetings of WANO are held once in two years. NPCIL hosted the 10th Biennial General Meeting (BGM) held in New Delhi from January 31- February 2, 2010. As a part of said meeting, technical tours were organized for the interested members. 18 WANO members visited Kaiga Atomic Power Station from February 3-6, 2010. Other teams of WANO members visited Tarapur and Kudankulam Power Projects. Such tours are a part of every WANO BGM and participants from NPCIL have also visited nuclear power stations in many countries. The technical tours to the nuclear power stations showcase NPCIL's safety performance and the operational practices of nuclear power stations in India which are comparable to the best in the world.