

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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ATOMIC PLANTS WITH US COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified locations for setting up of atomic power plants with the cooperation of United States of America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated, plant-wise;
- (c) the progress made in acquisition of land in various States for this propose;and
- (d) the time by which the plants are likely to be made operational?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes; Sir
- (b) Two sites, one at Kowada in Andhra Pradesh and another at Chhayamithi Virdi in Gujarat have been approved `in principle`for setting up nuclear power plants based, on cooperation with USA. The requirement of funds for the projects has not been finalized yet. However, a provision of Rs.850 crore for each of the sites has been proposed in the Mid Term Appraisal of the XI Plan (2007-12).
- (c) The land acquisition process has just started. The consultation with the states, appointment of nodal agencies and survey to arrive at the plot plan are in progress.
- (d) Presently discussions in this regard are taking place with US companies.