GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5326 ANSWERED ON:28.04.2010 FAST BREEDER REACTORS Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's first Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) for commercial nuclear energy generation is likely to be delayed;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay; and
- (c) the time by which this will be made operational?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir, it is likely to be delayed by about one year.
- (b) Due to tsunami in December 2004, the raft which support the civil structures got severely affected and needed to be reconstructed. Also, the Indian industries carried out a number of mock up both on civil and mechanical works so as to meet the stringent technical specifications with confidence. Many of the activities of PFBR construction are first of a kind for the industries.
- (c) The commissioning is likely to start by March 2012.