

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY IN KUDANKULAM POWER PLANT
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is delay in commercial operation of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay;
- (c) whether delay in delivering critical components by Russia is one of the main reasons;
- (d) if so, the actual cost overrun of the project; and
- (e) the time by which the plant is likely to 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.
- (b) The project design is a first-of-its-kind improved version. The design evolution in parallel with construction resulted in late ordering of manufacturing and supply of equipment. Major equipment/components for the project are to be supplied by Russian Federation. There has been a delay in sequential supply of some of the equipment affecting the project construction schedule.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Revised cost estimates are being worked out.
- (e) The effort is to complete Unit 1 during the last quarter of the current year followed by second unit completion in about six months time.