

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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INSTALLATION OF RADIATION MONITOR PORTAL AT PORTS

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to install radiation monitor portals at all the ports and entry points in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to check junk metal lying in various scrap markets in the country especially in the national capital city to ward off any incident of radiation leak;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the action plan is likely to be implemented?

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. There is a proposal to install Radiological Detection Equipments (RDEs) at entry/exit points of the country.
- (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs is coordinating this activity. Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) has plans to supply radiation portal monitors.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The installations of radiation portal monitors are planned at entry and exit ports of the country to prevent any inadvertent radioactive material reaching scrap markets or steel foundries.
- (e) The above measures are already being implemented.