

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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BLAST AT FRENCH NUCLEAR SITE
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the blast at French nuclear site is likely to hit India's nuclear plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to overcome such situation so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c) The explosion did not take place in a nuclear power plant. It occurred in an oven dedicated to melt low and very low radioactive metallic waste at a nuclear waste management facility located in Codolet near Marcoule (Grad, South-East of France). The radioactivity was contained inside the building and there was no contamination. The incident has no bearing on the safety of nuclear power plants.