

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MEDICAL FACILITIES NEAR NUCLEAR PLANTS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is adequate preparedness for medical emergencies in the vicinity of the nuclear power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of hospitals with haematology laboratories, bone marrow bank, immunology laboratories etc. near nuclear plants; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide these facilities in the vicinity of all nuclear power plants in the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. At all nuclear power plants, medical services to cater to general health and occupational health related injuries are available. In addition, there are district hospitals/public health centers and private medical services available in the vicinity of nuclear power plant sites. The medical and para-medical professionals of these hospitals are trained and retrained periodically in attending to medical emergencies.

(c) In addition to the medical services available at the nuclear power plants, empanelment with super-speciality hospitals in the nearby towns/villages are also in place. Hematology laboratories are available at most of the Government/private hospitals, primary health centres and nursing homes, while Immunology laboratories, bone marrow banks and other specialized services are available at the super-speciality hospitals.

(d) Health care has been one of the focus areas of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) Corporate Social Responsibility programme. Free medical services are being extended to the people living in the vicinity of nuclear power plants through mobile clinics and health centres. The scope of health care facilities to surrounding population around nuclear power plants is being further enhanced.