

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1499  
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NON-FUNCTIONING UNITS OF RAJASTHAN ATOMIC POWER PLANT  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the first and the second units of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station, Rawatbhata in Rajasthan are not functioning;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which power generation by these units is likely to be restarted; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government to compensate for the loss of power supply suffered by the States due to closure of the first and the second units of this plant?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) RAPS-1 was the first Pressurised Heavy Water Reactor which started commercial operation in the year 1973. The unit has been shut down from October, 2004 for techno-economic evaluation on its refurbishment/continuation of operations.

Feeder Replacement work on RAPS-2 (200 MWe) has been completed and the unit is now awaiting fuel loading. The fuel fabrication has also commenced at Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad and the operation of this unit is expected to commence from September, 2009.

(d) Rajasthan has been allocated power from other central generating stations including nuclear power reactors at RAPP-3 & 4 and NAPS - 1 & 2. In addition, construction works on RAPP-5&6 (2 x 220 MWe) also at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan have been completed and operation is expected to commence in year 2009.