

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is inordinate delay in completion of the first phase of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project;
- (b) if so, the details of the completion schedule and the reasons for the delay;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to start the second phase of the project;
- (d) if so, the time schedule therefor;
- (e) whether negotiations have been held/are being held with some foreign countries including USA and Russia for setting up more nuclear power plants in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and capacity-wise?

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) & (b) The progress of the Kudankulam Project has been affected due to delay in delivery of equipment. The project is now expected to be completed in 2010-11.
- (c) & (d) Consequent to conclusion of intergovernmental agreement between India & the Russian Federation, additional units are proposed to be set up at Kudankulam. Preliminary discussions have been held at Company level, to finalize a Detailed Project Report (DPR). The Schedule and other details will be known only after DPR is finalized.
- (e) & (f) The discussions held at company level between Nuclear Power Corporation of India (NPCIL) and companies from France, USA and Russian Federation covered preliminary aspects of technical, organisational, commercial and other issues and no specific decisions have been taken.