

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF NUCLEAR POLICY
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a committee to review its nuclear policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to review the cases of nuclear plants in the coastal areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(e) The country's Integrated Energy Policy has been carefully formulated to ensure supply of lifeline energy to its people and sustained growth; meeting the energy requirements in an efficient, cost effective way on a path of sustainable energy security. Nuclear power, a clean source of energy with potential for providing long terms energy security is an important component of the country's energy mix. The three-stage nuclear power programme is robust and on course. The safety of nuclear power plants, both in operation and under construction, located at coastal sites has been reviewed post Fukushima accident. These reviews have found that the nuclear power reactors in the country are safe and have design features and margins to withstand extreme natural events like earthquakes and tsunamis. The features and provisions in the new nuclear power plants at coastal sites will also have features in design and provisions of latest state of the art safety which will ensure these to be safe against extreme natural events.