

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6549
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SRI LANKA S CONCERN OVER KUDANKULAM PROJECT
Annayagari Shri Sai Prathap;Lingam Shri P.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sri Lanka has expressed its concern over the possible impact of radiation from Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant on the island nation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) There have been reports in the media regarding concerns expressed by the Sri Lankan Minister for Power on the Kudankulam nuclear power plant. The Sri Lankan Minister, however, clarified that his comments had been mis-reported and that the Government of Sri Lanka was not planning to take up the matter at the International Atomic Energy Agency as reported in the media. In a separate statement, the Chairman of the Sri Lankan Atomic Energy Authority Dr. R.L. Wijayawardana has said that "the Sri Lankan Government has neither opposed nor registered their protest for any Nuclear Power Plant on Indian soil".

(c) Does not arise.