

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:173  
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2012  
COMMISSIONING OF KUDANKULAM POWER PROJECT  
Choudhary Shri Bhudeo; Hussain Shri Syed Shahnawaz

**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the technical formalities to enable the commissioning of Unit-I of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (NPP) have been completed;
- (b) if so, the tentative date of commissioning of the unit and the details of the expenditure incurred so far in the said unit;
- (c) whether some local people continue to protest against the plant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the demands made by these people in this regard; and
- (e) the action taken/being taken by the Government to redress their grievances?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.173 FOR ANSWER ON 05.12.2012 BY SHRI BHUDEO CHOUDHARY AND SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN REGARDING COMMISSIONING OF KUDANKULAM POWER PROJECT.

(a) The fuel has been loaded in the Unit-1 and the Unit has been made ready for approach to first criticality (start of nuclear fission chain reaction for the first time). The process of criticality in Unit-1 would start after the stage wise clearance from Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).

(b) The Unit-1 is likely to be commissioned by the end of December, 2012. The expenditure incurred on the project (Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Units 1&2) upto October 2012 is `15161 crore.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Some sections of the population from Idinthakarai village and some pockets in the surrounding areas are protesting against the start up of the plant raising issues of safety & livelihood. The apprehensions about safety and livelihood have been addressed by the expert group of eminent persons constituted by the Central Government and through public outreach programme using a multipronged approach.