

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:526
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2013
SETTING UP OF HEAVY WATER UNIT
Jardosh Smt. Darshana Vikram

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up one more unit for production of heavy water at Hazira;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (d) the time by which the plant is likely to start production; and
- (e) the details of direct and indirect employment likely to be generated locally by the proposed new unit?

Answer

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

- (a) The Government is proposing to set up additional streams of production of Heavy Water. However, location of the additional facility would be based on techno-feasibility studies.
- (b) Feasibility Studies, including techno-commercial assessment for setting up additional stream for production of Heavy Water in the existing plants have been commissioned. (c) No funds have been allocated for the purpose.
- (d) Production from the proposed additional streams may commence in about five years, after final approval of the project.
- (e) Details of direct and indirect employment likely to be generated from the new stream can be assessed only on finalisation of the project.