

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1441  
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AERB CLEARANCE FOR SECOND HEAT UP  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has given its clearance for the second heat up of the first unit of the 2,000 MW Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that it could go critical by December, 2013; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) on January 24, 2013, accorded clearance for second heat up and full system tests of the Unit-1 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant.

(c)&(d) All efforts are being made to attain criticality of the Unit-1 by March 2013, subject to regulatory concurrences at intermediate stages.