GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

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NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total nuclear power generation in the country before the year 2008 along with the details of increase in the capacity of nuclear power generation after signing of `123 Agreement` as on date;
- (b) the assistance being received as per the said agreement;
- (c) whether the developed countries are taking steps in the direction of bringing down their nuclear power generation; 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) The nuclear power generation trends prior to and after fruition of international civil nuclear cooperation are given in the table below:-

Year Prior to international civil nuclear After international civil nuclear co-operation co-operation

2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

Generation 18801 16956 14927 18831 26473 32455 in Million Units

The availability of fuel also enabled the addition of 660~MW capacity by commissioning of three units namely Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant , Units 5&6~(2X220~MW) and Kaiga Generating Station, Unit-4 (220~MW).

- (b) The conclusion of the international agreements on nuclear co-operation have enabled the import of fuel and opened opportunities for setting up large capacity Light Water Reactors based on foreign technical cooperation.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Most of the developed countries with nuclear power are continuing with their nuclear power programmes. Only Germany, Switzerland and Taiwan have made announcements on gradual phasing out of their nuclear power plants.