## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:599 ANSWERED ON:08.05.2013 SAFETY REVIEW BY IAEA. Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) whether a safety review of the atomic power stations has been done recently by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) or by any other agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed by the Government to address the concerns expressed during such review;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct periodic safety review of all the atomic power stations in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe fixed for the purpose, plant-wise?

## **Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The safety review of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) Units 3&4 at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan was carried out by the Operational Safety Review Team (OSART) of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at the invitation of the Government of India during October 29 to November 14, 2012. The OSART identified a series of good practices at the station, to be shared by IAEA with the global nuclear industry as well as made some suggestions which were noted for implementation.
- (c)&(d) The periodic safety reviews of the Indian nuclear power plants are already carried out by the regulatory authority, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). In addition, international peer reviews are also carried out by experts of World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO).