

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6867
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SUPPLY OF SUB STANDARD MATERIAL TO KNPP
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the report that sub-standard material was supplied to the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KNPP) which has raised security concerns about the project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to address such safety concerns;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) Yes Sir, Certain reports have appeared in the media alleging that substandard material was supplied to the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP).
- (c) to (e) The supplies of components and equipments to Kudankulam project were made after ascertaining requisite quality by the prescribed quality checks and Quality Assurance Programme. These are further tested in an integrated manner during commissioning to verify their performance in accordance to design performance criteria. Any short fall noticed in performance is addressed/corrected as a part of the commissioning programme, followed by an in-depth review by the regulatory body, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). At every stage of project, thorough review by AERB is made to ensure that prescribed standards of safety are met before according stage-wise clearances. Thus, there need not be any concern about safety of the project on this account. In order to convey the facts of the matter to the media and the public at large Press releases by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and AERB have been issued recently.