

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR AND RADIATION SAFETY
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct public awareness programme for the local community about nuclear and radiation safety;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these kind of programmes will be conducted throughout the country by the concerned agencies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes Sir, Public Awareness programmes are undertaken on a regular basis by Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). Workshops and seminars are being conducted throughout the country by scientific bodies and associations to enhance public awareness about nuclear science, applications of radiation and radio-isotopes. Target audience for such programmes are university faculty, college lecturers and students, while subjects covered include nuclear and radiation safety, application of radio-isotopes for societal benefits, health physics aspects, safe handling of radioactive substances and radioactivity etc., Educational lectures are followed by demonstration experiments. Further, public awareness programmes, to spread awareness and allay the fears and apprehensions about nuclear power and related aspects among the local community are also conducted by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) around nuclear power plant sites