GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3362 ANSWERED ON:12.02.2014 DEATHS OF SCIENTISTS IN BARC Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram;Patil Shri A.T. Nana

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of a number of unnatural deaths of the scientists and engineers in the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and Atomic Power Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last 5 years and the reasons attributed for the same;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry into these unnatural deaths and other casualties in the nuclear installations in the country;
- (d) if so, the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent casualties and ensure safety in nuclear installations in the country?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The details are furnished in the attached Annexure.
- (c)&(d) All cases have been investigated by Local Police. Findings of Police Investigation is indicated in Annexure.
- (e) Safety and security measures to prevent casualties are in place at all nuclear power plants. The security and safety instructions issued by various security agencies and the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board are strictly implemented at all nuclear power plant sites and residential townships. Awareness programmes regarding security threats and counter measures are being conducted on regular basis.