

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4027
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KUDANKULAM NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of peoples` protest against Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant;
- (b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether India and Russia have recently held discussions on various projects including Kudankulam project; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Public Outreach has been enhanced to spread awareness among the people about the project, nuclear power and its related aspects in order to allay the apprehensions of the people, particularly about issues of safety of the plant and impact on livelihood.

A multi-pronged approach has been adopted in this regard. Neighbourhood Welfare Programmes have also been taken up in consultation with the State Government around the site.

(c)&(d) Discussions are held periodically and at various levels with the Russian side on the entire spectrum of the India-Russia civil nuclear cooperation programme, including the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project. Both the sides have reaffirmed their commitment to the Agreement concluded on December 5, 2008 between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Russian Federation on cooperation in the construction of additional nuclear power plant units at Kudankulam site as well as in the construction of Russian designed Nuclear Power Plants at new sites in the Republic of India and the Agreement between the Government of Republic of Indian and the Government of the Russian Federation on Cooperation in the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes.