GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2999 ANSWERED ON:08.12.2009 THREAT TO ATOMIC POWER PLANS Singh Shri Dushyant

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the atomic power plants in the country are under threat from various terrorist groups and outfits;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present safety and security apparatus in place, in atomic power stations; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect such power plants in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. In view of the prevailing security scenario, the atomic power plants continue to remain prime target of the terrorist groups and outfits. Central Security Agencies conduct security audit of Atomic Power Plants every tow years and also sensitize the concerned State Governments/ managements of these installations from time to time. The CISF has been mandated to undertake security arrangements for all strategically sensitive nuclear installations. Besides CISF, in some cases air defence measures are also additionally provided in cooperation with the defence forces. Adequate security arrangements are ensured which are periodically updated to protect Atomic Energy Establishments in the country.