GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3164 ANSWERED ON:09.12.2009 RAJASTHAN ATOMIC POWER STATION Singh Shri Sushil Kumar

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 220 Megawatt units of Nuclear Power Corporation at Kaiga (Unit 4) and Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (units 5 & 6) have been commissioned;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor and the loss of energy generation in million units as a result thereof;

(c) the expected date of commissioning of these units; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (d) Criticality of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) Unit-5 has been achieved on November 24,2009. This reactor is expected to commence commercial operation in December 2009. RAPS Unit-6 is expected to commence operations early 2010. Commissioning phase of Kaiga-4 systems has commenced, however indigenous fuel is awaited. With progressive improvement in indigenous uranium supply, Kaiga-4 is expected to be commissioned by March, 2010.