GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:360 ANSWERED ON:25.02.2015 NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS Sonker Smt. Neelam;Tripathi Shri Sharad

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any scheme for setting up new nuclear power plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the location-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing nuclear power plants are facing any safety concerns; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which the said concerns are proposed to be addressed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (Dr. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) The Government in July 2014 had set a target of tripling the then existing capacity of 4780 MW in the next ten years viz. 2024. The details in this regards are as under:

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Project Location Capacity (MW) Status
Kudankulam Nuclear Kudankulam, 1000 Commissioned
Power Project Tamil Nadu recently
Unit-1 (KKNPP 1)
Kudankulam Nuclear Kudankulam, 1000 Under
Power Project Unit-2 Tamil Nadu commissioning
(KKNPP 2)
Kakrapar Atomic Kakrapar, 2 X 700 Under various Power Project Gujarat stages of
Units 3&4
               construction
(KAPP 3&4)
Rajasthan Atomic Rawatbhata, 2 X 700 Under various stages
Power Project Rajasthan of construction
Units 7&8
(RAPP 7&8)
Gorakhpur Haryana Gorakhpur, 2 x 700 Being prepared
Anu Vidyut Pariyojana Haryana for launch in 2015-16
(GHAVP 1&2)
Chutka Madhya Pradesh Chutka, 2 x 700 Under Pre-project
Atomic Power Project Madhya Pradesh activities
(CMPAPP 1&2)
Kudankulam Nuclear Kudankulam, 2 x 1000 Being prepared for
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Power Project Tamil Nadu launch in 2015-16

(KKNPP 3&4)

In addition, the following sites are approved "In-principle" for additional reactors to be set up in future. Currently these sites are under pre-project activities which include land acquisition, obtaining Environmental clearances, evaluation of techno commercial offers in respect of LWRs to be set up with foreign technical cooperation.

Project Location Capacity (MW)

Indigenous Reactors

Mahi Banswara, 1&2 Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan 2 x 700 Kaiga 5&6 Kaiga, Karnataka 2 x 700 Fast Breeder Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu 2 x 500 Reactor (FBR 1&2)

Advanced Heavy Location to be decided 300 Water Reactor (AHWR)

Reactors with Jaitapur, Maharashtra 2 x 1650
Foreign Cooperation
Jaitapur Nuclear
Power Project
(JNPP 1&2)
Kovvada, 1 & 2 Kovvada, Andhra Pradesh 2 x 1500
Chhaya Mithi Chhaya Mithi Virdi, Gujarat 2 x 1100
Virdi, 1&2

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Do not arise. However, safety being an ongoing process, constant review of safety aspects effecting necessary upgrades thereof in line with the evolving safety standards at par with the best international standards is a regular practice in Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)