GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4619 ANSWERED ON:22.04.2015 NUCLEAR REACTORS TO BE CONSTRUCTED Gopalakrishnan Shri R.

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposed number of nuclear reactors to be constructed by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) using indigenous design and technology, by the year 2020-2025, respectively;
- (b) the target for installed capacity of nuclear power generation in India by the years 2020-2030, respectively; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) At present four indigenous nuclear power reactors, KAPP 3&4 (2X700 MW) at Kakrapar, Gujarat; and RAPP 7&8 (2X700 MW) at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan, are under construction and are expected to be completed by 2019. In addition, a Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor of 500 MW capacity is at an advanced stage of commissioning at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.

Financial sanction has been accorded for two indigenous reactors i.e. GHAVP 1&2 (2X700 MW) at Gorakhpur, Haryana and these are being readied for launch in 2015 - 16. These are scheduled for completion in 2021. Two more indigenous 700 MW reactors are also expected to be to be completed by 2024.

(b)&(c) In July 2014, a target of tripling the then existing capacity of 4780 MW in the next ten years was set. While a capacity of 1000 MW has already been added to the grid in December 2014 by start of commercial operation of Kudankulam Unit-1, this target is expected to be met, largely on progressive completion of projects under construction and projects accorded financial sanction. The Government had also accorded 'in principle' approval of the following sites for locating nuclear power projects in future, based on both indigenous technologies and with foreign co-operation:

Site State Capacity (MW) In cooperation with

Indigenous Reactors
Gorakhpur, Haryana 4 X 700 Indigenous
Chutka Madhya Pradesh 2 X 700
Bhimpur 4 X 700
Kaiga Karnataka 2 X 700
Mahi Banswara Rajasthan 4 X 700
With Foreign Co-operation
Kudankulam Tamil Nadu 4 X 1000 Russian Federation
Jaitapur Maharashtra 6 X 1650 France
Chhaya Mithi Virdi Gujarat 6 X 1000 USA
Kovvada Andhra Pradesh 6 X 1000 USA
Haripur West Bengal 6 X 1000 Russian Federation
Nominal Capacity

Pre-project activities are in progress at various stages at these sites, where the projects will be taken up progressively, in phases of twin units at a site. The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has set for itself an ambitious target of reaching an installed generation capacity of 63000 MWe by the year 2031-32. The installed nuclear generation capacity by 2031-32 would depend on actual start of projects and their completion, which in turn would be contingent to completion of pre-project activities like land acquisition and obtaining statutory clearances and conclusion of techno-commercial discussion in respect of reactors to be set up with foreign cooperation.