

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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KUDANKULAM NUCLEAR PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KNPP) has been shut down recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which power generation is likely to be affected;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to restore the operation of KNPP and to check the recurrence of such incidents in future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The Unit-1 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project which was synchronized to the grid in October, 2013 has been shutdown recently on September 26, 2014.
- (b) The unit was shut down in view of certain observations in its turbine during its operation.
The power generation is now expected to resume by the first week of December 2014.
- (c) Yes Sir.
- (d) The turbine was opened and its various components have been inspected. The required repair / rectification job, in accordance with the recommendations of the Russian Manufacturers, are nearing completion. Efforts are on to make the turbine ready for start up by early December 2014. All measures will be taken to avoid recurrence of such an event in Unit-2 of Kudankulam, which is presently under commissioning and is being prepared for hot run.
- (e) Does not arise: