GREEN SIGNAL TO JAITAPUR NUCLEAR PROJECT

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given green signal for Jaitapur nuclear project;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the safety measures to be adopted in future?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER’S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) Government accorded ‘in principle’ approval for locating two units at Jaitapur site in the year 2005 and subsequently in 2009, for the full potential of the site for locating six units of 1650 MW was approved. Following ‘in principle’ approval, detailed Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies were carried out. After due process, the Ministry of Environment and Forests accorded environmental clearance. Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance for the project has also been accorded. The Project is planned to be implemented in a phased manner with two 1650 MW reactors in the first phase to begin with. Discussions are in progress between NPCIL and Areva to arrive at detailed project proposals. On finalization of the project proposal, financial sanction will be obtained. Meanwhile, certain apprehensions were raised by the local people on the project and their doubts / misconceptions have been clarified.

(c) A comprehensive review of the safety features /project designs is being carried out by the designers and regulatory body of the vendor country and also by India’s Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). Any additional safety features recommended will be incorporated for further enhancing the safety

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