

power reactors. In India, the nuclear power reactors at Tarapur Atomic Power Station Unit-1&2 (2x160MWe) are BWRs and these units are operating well and there is no proposal to replace the same with PWRs.

Harassment of Indian Passengers at Moscow Airport

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian passengers are being harassed at Moscow Airport as reported in the Asian Age dated 12th July, 2000;

(b) if so, the cause of detention; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to bring it to the notice of the Indian Embassy there to take up the matter with the authorities in Moscow?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) The Government is aware of the problems being faced by Indian nationals at Moscow airport.

(b) The cause of detention of Indian nationals at Moscow Airport has been linked to the Russian Immigration authorities asking such nationals to furnish additional documents in support of the purpose of their visit or stipulating the presence of those sponsoring them at the airport.

(b) The matter has been strongly taken up with the Russian authorities both in Moscow by the Embassy of India and in New Delhi with the Embassy of the Russian Federation. During my official visit to the Russian Federation in June 2000, I had the occasion to raise this subject with my counterpart. His Excellency Mr. Igor Ivanov, Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation. The Government continues to monitor the situation.