

be obtained from the State Government.

(e) No, Sir.

Difficulties being faced by the Atomic Power Plants

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the nuclear power plants in the country

have been facing serious difficulties for one reason or the other and the completion schedules of certain projects have been frequently revised; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps are being taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI-MATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Name of Project/Station	Present Status	Remarks
Tarapur Atomic Power Station.	In operation	Power level has been reduced to stretch available fuel.
Rajasthan Atomic Power Station	Shutdown	(a) Unit-I has been shutdown since 4-3-1982 to repair the leak on the South end-shield. (b) Unit-II has been shutdown since 4-9-1982 to repair a leak in one of the heat exchangers. (c) The repair work on both units is in progress.
Madras Atomic Power Project	Under construction	Unit-I of the Project is ready for commissioning. Adequate inventory of indigenous heavy water is being built up. Heavy water upgradation facilities are being augmented.
Narora Atomic Power Project	Under construction	Slippages in project schedule so far have been due to:— (i) problems in land acquisition; (ii) delays in finalisation of designs modified to suit seismic requirements; and (iii) delays in delivery of major equipment etc. The progress of the Project is under constant review to minimise further delays.
Kakrapar Atomic Power Project.	Under construction	Proceeding to schedule.