

MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH); (a)

	Capacity	Plant capacity factor
(i) Tarapur Atomic Power Station	420 MWe	50.5%
(ii) Rajasthan Atomic Power Station	440 MWe	41.1%

(b) The Tarapur Atomic Power Station is being operated at lower power levels to stretch the available fuel because of uncertainty in supply of enriched uranium. The Rajasthan Atomic Power Station could not achieve higher capacity factors for a variety of reasons including malfunctioning of equipment grid problems, industrial unrest etc.

(c) The reactor programme currently in hand envisages the use of indigenous fuel.

Committee on the Working of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project

316. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a committee has been appointed under the Chairmanship of Energy Minister to enquire into the irregular and disappointing performance of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project, Kota;

(b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, what are its main recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI J.P.N. SINGH):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

French Nuclear Fuel for Tarapur Atomic Plant

317. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tarapur Atomic Plant has started getting nuclear fuel from France instead of U.S.A.;

(b) if so, since when and what are the further details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above is negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In a recent understanding reached with the USA, the USA suggested that France would assume the responsibility for supplying the fuel needs of Tarapur in its place and within the framework of the 1963 Co-operation Agreement between India and the USA and the various Safeguard Agreements which flow therefrom. The two Governments continue to be in touch with each other.

Price of Colour T.V.

318. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV; SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the manufacturers of colour TV sets have imported TV