

(d) and (e) The causes for the outages were grid disturbances equipment failures and human error. The causes of each outage are analysed and preventive maintenance measures are carried out including modifications where necessary, on a continuous basis.

Supply of Enriched Uranium by French Government

555. SHRI NARASINGHA PRASAD
NANDA:-

SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI:
SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN
PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased, to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in *Hindustan Times* dated the 10th November, 1981 that the French Government has decided to consider favourably the supply of enriched uranium for the Indian nuclear plant at Tarapur; and

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions laid down by the French Government for the supply of enriched uranium?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the news report is not correct.

(b) Does not arise.

Nuclear Scientists

556. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI ROSHAN LAL: SHRI
MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT
BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of nuclear scientists who have left the Kota nuclear power plant during the period from 1976 to 1981 for foreign assignments;

(b) the number of them who joined other enterprises; and

(c) the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Optimum Research Facilities for Scientists

557. SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN-
DRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the two task forces set Up by the Science Advisory Committee to the Cabinet have formulated concrete recommendations for its consideration; and

(b) whether the task forces have also recommended reduction of bureaucratic procedures conducive to optimum research facilities for scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI CHANDRA PRATAP NARAIN SINGH): (a) and (b) Science Advisory Committee to the Cabinet had set up a Task Force on "Science and Technology Administration and Amenities for Scientists", and a second one to examine the recommendations made earlier by a Sub-group under Dr. S. R. Valluri which had been charged with undertaking a Study of the Management Structure of Scientific and technological institutions. Meetings of the Task Forces have been held and discussions with the concerned ministries and departments of the Government for simplifying the procedures to ensure a conducive environment for research are underway.