

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The central Government has accorded 'in principle' approval for the site at Kovvada in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh for locating six units of 1000 MW each, to be set up in technical cooperation with the USA. The first phase consists of two units.

(c) The estimates of investments would emerge after the discussions with the Companies of the USA are concluded.

(d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had offered the site at Kovvada for setting up nuclear power plants which has been approved. The pre project activities including land acquisition in co-operation with State Government have commenced.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The nuclear power project at Kovvada is a central sector project to be executed by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, a PSU of Department of Atomic Energy. The investment will be met through combination of external credit/market borrowings and equity.

Atomic power plants in Rajasthan

†2486. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atomic energy power stations to be set up in Rajasthan along with the location thereof;

(b) whether the proposal to increase the power generation capacity of power station Rawatbhata, Kota is under consideration of Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (c) Presently six nuclear power reactors (RAPS 1 to 6) with a total installed capacity of 1180 MW are in operation at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan. The Central Government had accorded financial sanction for two more nuclear power reactors of 700 MW capacity each, to be set up at the same site. The project has been launched and excavation is in progress. On completion of the project in the year 2016-17, the station capacity will increase to 2580 MW.

Closing down of units of NPCIL

2487. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) decided to close down two units of Tarapur; and

(b) the total production from the units of Tarapur, unit-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.