

Bhavnagar, Vadodara and near Gandhinagar is highly encouraging. Farmers are reaping yields upto 5000 kg/ha using these varieties compared to 2000 kg/ha state average.

(d) Some sections of the population at the Chhaya Mithi Virdi site in Gujarat who have certain misconceptions and unfounded fears regarding nuclear power, have expressed their concerns on the setting up of nuclear power project at the site. A structured public awareness campaign to disseminate factual information about nuclear power, the project and the benefits that would accrue from it, has been taken up to dispel such apprehensions. The campaigns have included public addresses, exhibitions, sharing of information with all stakeholders including press and media and visits of local villagers to the Kakrapar Atomic Power Station in Gujarat and Tarapur in Maharashtra. These efforts are continuing.

Developing of prototype fast breeder reactor

777. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether our country is developing the prototype fast breeder reactor;
- (b) by when it is expected to be commissioned;
- (c) the status of the project;
- (d) the number of countries that have nuclear reactors using same technology; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The plant is expected to be commissioned during 2012-13.
- (c) The project has achieved physical progress of 66%.
- (d) and (e) Russia, Japan and France have commercial nuclear reactors using similar technology.

Setting up of atomic plants in Jaitapur

778. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up an atomic power plant at Jaitapur in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the farmers of the area and major political parties in the State are opposing the power plant;