

#### **Commissioning of first phase of Jaitapur Nuclear project**

\*510. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commissioning of the first phase of the 9,900 MW Jaitapur nuclear power project is delayed by one year since the developer Nuclear Power Corporation (NPC) is upgrading the safety application in the wake of the Fukushima disaster;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the first Evolutionary Pressurized Reactor (EPR) of 1,650 MW would be operational in 2018-19 instead of the originally planned 2017-18; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYNANSAMY):

(a) and (b) The gestation period (from first pour of concrete to commercial operation) of Evolutionary Pressurised Reactors (EPRs) is expected to be 66 months. The schedule for commercial operation of the Jaitapur project comprising twin units of 2 x 1650 MW EPRs form part of the detailed project proposal. The detailed project proposal is presently under discussion between NPCIL and Areva, France. The schedule for commercial operation of the project shall be frozen after finalization of discussions and approval of the project by the Government.

In the context of Fukushima incident, the safety of nuclear power reactors planned at Jaitapur are to be reviewed by the designers and regulators in the vendor country and also by the regulatory authority in India to ensure highest level of safety under such extreme events. The review is undertaken parallelly with the pre-project activities and discussions on the detailed project proposals are currently in progress.

(c) and (d) After financial sanction, the construction work of the project will commence. The date of operation of the first EPR would depend on the date of commencement of construction.

#### **Pending proposals for change in airport name**

\* 511. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of requests for change of airport name pending with the Ministry;