

**American money to oppose nuclear plants**

†\*49. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether American NGOs are pumping in money to oppose the nuclear power plants;

(b) if so, the names of such NGOs along with the action Government is going to take in this regard;

(c) whether there are reports of involvement of such NGOs in anti-development work in other States and places also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Preliminary reports indicate that NGOs from certain foreign countries are sending money to NGOs in India especially to those NGOs working in and around Kudankulam area who are involved in the agitation against the nuclear power plant. Detailed investigation will reveal the source of funding and expenditure pattern of those NGOs who are opposing the Kudankulam nuclear power plant.

(b) CBI enquiry against two NGOs has been ordered. Two criminal cases have been referred to Tamil Nadu Police for investigation. Since the investigations are in the initial stage, it will not be advisable to furnish further details at this stage.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Problems of Indians abroad**

\*50. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of the problems faced by Indians residing abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to prepare a manual to address the problems being faced by Indians who are residing abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The Government takes cognizance of the problems being faced by Indian citizens and their families settled or residing abroad as soon as they come to its notice. As reported by Indian Missions/Posts abroad, the problems brought to their notice in this matter are usually as under:

**Labour Complaints:**

Employer-Employee disputes, non-payment or delayed payment of salaries

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