

fauna, including some critically endangered species thriving there. A detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study has been carried out and the environmental clearance for the project has been accorded by Ministry of Environment and Forests following the due process.

(c) and (d) There have been reports to the effect in sections of the media.

Atomic rnergy plants in Rajasthan

†4498. SHRI ASHIK ALI TAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atomic power stations proposed to be built in Rajasthan along with their locations; and

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

(c) if so, the details of progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) There are Six nuclear power reactors in operation with an aggregate capacity of 1180 MW at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan. In addition, two reactors, Rajasthan Atomic Power Plant, Units-7 and 8 (RAPP 7 and 8 - 2X 700 MW) are under construction. With the proposed completion of these reactors by the year 2017, the capacity in operation at Rawatbhata will reach to 2480 MW. In addition, the Central Government has accorded 'in principle' approval of an additional site in July 2011 at Mahi Banswara in Rajasthan for locating four nuclear power reactors each of 700 MW. Currently, this site is under initial pre-project activities.

(c) RAPP 7 and 8 project has achieved a cumulative physical progress of 13.8% as of April 2012.

Nuclear Station in Country

†4499. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be phased to state:

(a) the number of nuctear stations constructed in the country so far and the number of nuclear stations proposed to be constructed in the country now;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; :

(c) whether Government's approval has been received to start the proposed projects; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.