

objectives of the development planning in India. International experience suggests that the inequalities tend to increase in the early phase of development. However, because of sound economic fundamentals, the high rate of economic growth that India witnessed recently has enormously improved the capacity to make a decisive impact on the quality of life of the masses, especially the poor and the marginalized. This has enabled the Government to allocate substantial amount of resources on the development of social, economic and physical infrastructure which has started showing positive results and the harsh edges of poverty have been blunted. In addition, the Eleventh Five Year Plan adopted the strategy of inclusive growth to ensure that the benefits of growth reach all the sections of the society. To achieve this objective, the Government have implemented a number of flagship programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Rural Drinking Water Supply and Total Sanitation Campaign, Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and social security measures like National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojana (RSBY) etc. Through these measures the Government has tried to ensure that the increase in inequalities is minimized. As a result of these interventions, it is estimated that, in absolute numbers, there is a net reduction of around 5.25 crore persons living in abject poverty between 2004-05 to 2009-10.

The Government remains fully committed to ensure balanced regional growth and reduction of inequalities. The Approach Paper to the 12th Five Year Plan also emphasizes the need to build upon the achievements of the 11th Five Year Plan and strive for faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth. It will further help in reducing economic disparities in India in future.

#### **Security of Kudankulam Nuclear Plant**

\*587. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pacts for Kudankulam units No. III and IV are almost ready;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Russia has assured security for all the units in Kudankulam; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (d) An Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed on December 5, 2008 between India and Russian Federation to extend the cooperation in peaceful use of nuclear energy, including the construction of additional nuclear power plant units at Kudankulam site. The IGA provides *inter-alia* for supply of fuel throughout the operational period of power units of the nuclear power plants at the Kudankulam site. The text of the Protocol for extending Russian State credit for implementation of KKNPP-Units 3 and 4 has been approved by the Central Government. The proposal for financial sanction of Kudankulam Units-3 & 4 is under consideration of the Central Government.

**Details of Funds given to Uttar Pradesh**

\*588. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds/amounts given/spent In Uttar Pradesh by the Ministry and its various organisations during the last three years and the current year so far;

(b) the purposes for which these funds were given/spent; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase those funds?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Details of funds earmarked and spent by Airports Authority of India (AAI) on airports in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and current years are given in Statement. (See below)

(b) and (c) AAI has incurred these funds for creation of airport infrastructure as well as operation and maintenance of these airports. Allocation of funds for capital works is made based on traffic projections. Funds for operation and maintenance is made based on the requirement projected.