

All the nuclear power plants in India are under continuous regulatory surveillance by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) and detailed periodic safety reviews of these plants are conducted while renewing their operating licence. In addition, all the nuclear power plants have an established programme of operating experience feedback under which the events occurring in Indian nuclear power plants and other countries are reviewed. Even though the safety record of Indian nuclear power plants is excellent, the upgradation of safety to still higher levels is an ongoing exercise, conducted through periodic reviews and incorporation of lessons learnt from national and international operational feedback. The safety upgrades in Indian nuclear facilities, as needed to maintain the State of the art safety features, are accordingly implemented.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Safety measures recommended by Expert Committee**

2177. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudankulam plant is to be commissioned comply with the 17 safety measures recommended by the Expert Committee;

(b) whether the department's plan is to comply with all the recommendations of the Expert Committee; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) The Kudankulam plant design has several advanced features including those for ensuring safety against external events of natural origin as well as accidents. Additional 17 safety enhancements recommended by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) are by way of abundant caution.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Network to deal with nuclear radiation emergency situations**

2178. DR. V. MAITREYAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a network of radiation emergency response centres in different parts of the country to deal with nuclear emergency situations;