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## Target of Atomic Energy

- \*15. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the target of Atomic Energy for the Eleventh Plan period has been achieved;
  - (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Kudankulam Atomic Energy Plant has started power generation; and
- (d) if so, the installed capacity of the plant and the actual generation till today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) The target of nuclear energy generation in the Eleventh Five Year Plan was 163,395 Million Units (MUs), which was revised to 124,608 MUs at Mid-Term Appraisal (MTA) stage. The actual generation in the Eleventh Five Year Plan was 109,642 MUs. The reasons for shortfall in generation were non availability of indigenous uranium in the required quantity, delay in fruition of international cooperation resulting in delay in availability of imported uranium and shifting of completion of the Kudankulam and Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) projects to Twelfth Five Year Plan.
  - (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project comprises two units of 1000 MWe each, from which no power generation has taken place till now.

## New economic reforms for growth

\*16. SHRI OM PRAKASH MATHUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister in his address to the nation on September 21, 2012 has admitted that country's recent economic crisis was nearly as bad as in 1991 when gold was pledged and forex reserve had shrunk;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor when UPA Government itself made a claim in 2008 of having done good work with the result that the growth rate remained more than 8 per cent for two consecutive years; and
- (c) the details of new economic reforms, Government is anxious to implement which would help in reviving faltering growth and economic situation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister in his address to the Nation on September 21, 2012 stated that the country is not in the same situation today as in 1991. He, however, emphasized the need to reverse the slowdown in the rate of growth, which had declined from 8.4 per cent in 2009-10 and 2010-11 to 6.5 per cent in 2011-12. The need for containing the fiscal deficit in order to reverse the growth slowdown and revive the economy was emphasized in the address.