

- (c) No assessment has been made.

**Delay in Jaitapur plant**

1087. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM:

SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that work on the reactors at Jaitapur had been badly delayed and it is now expected to go on stream in 2016;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Government expects that there will be further cost overruns; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The scheduled date of commencement of work on the Jaitapur project is in the year 2015.

(c) and (d) The figures for the cost of the Jaitapur Nuclear Power Project will be arrived at upon the conclusion of the ongoing techno-commercial discussions between the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited and the French counterpart.

**Clearance of Kudankulam nuclear power plant**

1088. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board gave its clearance for the second heat up of the first unit of the 2,000 MW Kudankulam nuclear power plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that it could go critical by December, 2013; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.