

**Taking up of important issues by Government**

2799. DR. T.N. SEEMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has failed in taking important issues directly by deciding them in the Cabinet and ended up delaying many such decisions; if so, the reasons and the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) if not, whether Government has been increasingly consigning issues to either Group of Ministers (GoMs) or to Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoMs) which have been in existence for years but not able to finish their terms of reference; and

(c) the number of times GoMs and EGoMs were reframed and reconstituted during the last three years and the current year and the reasons for the same?

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

(b) No, Sir. 78 Groups of Ministers (GoMs) and 16 Empowered Groups of Ministers (EGoMs) have been constituted since 22.05.2009 to investigate and report and, where so authorized, to take decisions on a diverse range of subjects. Currently, only 21 GoMs and 8 EGoMs are functional and all other GoMs/EGoMs have considered the issue(s) placed before them. Further, new issues continue to be placed before some of the still functional GoMs/EGoMs as and when such issues arise.

(c) The composition of the GoMs and EGoMs is revised whenever considered necessary, with the approval of the Prime Minister.

**Shortage of fuel/uranium**

2800. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of our Country's nuclear power plants are facing shortage of fuel/uranium;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/ being taken by Government in this regard;