

### WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

#### Negotiation for nuclear plants and fuel

†1921. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA : Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is negotiating with foreign countries for the establishment of more new nuclear power plants and for the supply of fuel;
- (b) if so, the names of the countries with whom negotiations are taking place;
- (c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken; and
- (d) the names of the places where nuclear power plants could not be established despite approval being granted and the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Kudankulam expansion project, namely Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Units 3 and 4 (KKNPP Units 3 and 4), with technical co-operation with Russia, is accorded administrative approval and financial sanction by the Government. The project is being readied for launch in the current year. Ongoing discussions between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and companies from France and the USA are directed towards formulation of project proposals for setting up large capacity nuclear power reactors. The final decision by the Government in this regard is contingent on conclusion of these discussions. Negotiations were held with France, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Canada for supply of Uranium to India and Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have been signed with these countries.

- (d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

#### Third stage of Nuclear Programme

1922. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is very keen to implement the third stage of Indian Nuclear Power Programme and if so, the details thereof and its salient features;
- (b) the list of nuclear power projects initiated during the last five years and to be initiated in near future; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.