

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1398
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2012

PROBE AGAINST NGOS FOR WAGING PROTESTS AGAINST NUCLEAR PLANTS

1398. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has started a probe as announced against Non- Government Organization alleged to be waging protests against nuclear plants with the help of foreign funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) in what manner Government does intend to take it to a logical conclusion?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) :

- (a)to(d) Reports have been received regarding foreign funding of the NGOs protesting against the nuclear power project at Kudankulam. On the basis of inspections carried out to check contraventions of provisions of FCRA 2010, cases of two NGOs namely Tuticorin Diocese Association and Rural Upliftment Centre, Nagercoil have been referred to CBI and cases of five associations namely (i) Good Vision, Kanyakumari, (ii) Trust for Rural Upliftment and Education, Tirunvelveli (iii) Aid India, Chennai, (iv) SACCER, Nagercoil and (v) Centre for Promotion of Social Concern, Tamil Nadu have been referred to State Police (CID) Crime Branch, Tamil Nadu for investigation. The Bank Accounts of these associations have been frozen and they have also been prohibited from receiving foreign contribution. But Hon'ble High Court, Madurai Bench vide its order dated 16.10.2012 has quashed the order dated 09.02.2012 placing the associations namely Rural Upliftment Centre, Nagercoil and Good Vision, Kanya Kumari under Prohibited Category and freezing their bank accounts.
