

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.622**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2012

**OPPOSITION ON COMMENCEMENT OF KUDANKULAM NUCLEAR PLANT**

622. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that senior retired bureaucrats and other Government officials have written against the go-ahead of the Kudankulam nuclear plant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has conducted an assessment of the impact of the nuclear plant;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

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- (a)&(b) Some senior retired bureaucrats and other government officials have written against going ahead with Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant as well as other new nuclear power projects. They have also raised issues related to nuclear power safety, independence of regulatory body, review of statutes like civil liability for nuclear damage act etc.
- (c)&(d) Yes, Sir. A rapid Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP Units 1&2) was carried out in 2001 and a more detailed EIA in 2003. Later, a comprehensive EIA of the site for six units was carried out as a part of KKNPP, Units 3 to 6 environmental clearance processes.
- (e) Does not arise.

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