

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1282
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.05.2016

SHUTTING DOWN OF KAKRAPAR NUCLEAR PLANT DUE TO LEAKAGE

1282. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that unit of Kakrapar Atomic Power Station situated in Surat district of Gujarat had to be shut down due to heavy water leakage on 11 March, 2016;
- (b) if so, the status of radiation due to heavy water leakage and quantum of loss occurred due to this;
- (c) the time by when this plant is likely to restart; and
- (d) the special efforts being made to prevent the recurrence of such incidents?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) There was no increase in radioactivity/radiation level both in the plant premises and the public domain as all the safety systems had come into play and functioned as per design. As there was no increase in radiation level, there was no effect on the personnel or the public on this account.
- (c)&(d) The unit will be restarted after completion of the investigation, inspection of relevant components and equipment and implementation of corrective actions, in line with the stage-wise clearances issued by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
