

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1444
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2016

INVESTMENT IN ATOMIC ENERGY SECTOR

1444. SHRI HARIVANSH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is expectation of increase in investment in the atomic energy sector in the country in the wake of enforcement of new rules regarding nuclear liability, the quantum of the foreign investment in the atomic sector currently;
- (b) whether the foreign companies investing in India would also transfer technology for atomic energy; and
- (c) the number of nuclear reactors proposed to be set up at present and the number of proposals which have been approved by Government so far?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India's nuclear power programme is not allowed. However, there is no restriction on FDI in the nuclear industries for manufacturing of equipment and providing other supplies for nuclear power plants and other related facilities.

- (b) Transfer of Technology for peaceful uses of nuclear energy is part of the scope of cooperation under bilateral civil nuclear cooperation agreements that India has signed with international partners. Transfer of Technology constitutes an important aspect in our negotiations with foreign suppliers.

- (c) The Government had accorded 'in principle' approval of sites for locating a total of 46 new reactors comprising 23 twin unit projects to be set up in a phased manner. Two projects Gorakhpur Haryana Anu Vidyut Pariyojana (GHAVP) Units 1&2 (2X700 MW) at Gorakhpur, Haryana and Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP) Units 3&4 (2 X 1000 MW) at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu have been accorded administrative approval & financial sanction.
