

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2152
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.05.2016

POWER GENERATION FROM KUDANKULAM NUCLEAR PLANT

2152. SHRI K. K. RAGESH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kudankulam nuclear power plant is running in its full capacity;
- (b) what is the average power generation per day in the plant during the last two months;
- (c) whether any more reactors of the plants are expected to be commissioned soon and if so, the time-frame set for it and capacity of the plant thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Unit-1 Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP-1) achieved full capacity of 1000 MW for the first time in June 2014. The unit is presently operating near its full capacity.
- (b) The average generation of electricity from KKNPP-1 during the last two months was about 22 Million Units per day.
- (c) Yes, Sir. The Second Unit, KKNPP-2 (1000 MW) is at advanced stage of commissioning. The reactor first criticality (start of nuclear chain reaction) start up is expected in the first quarter of the current year 2016-17. The criticality will be followed by connection to grid and commence commercial-operation, in line with stage-wise clearances of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB).
