

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 803
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.03.2016

LEAKAGE IN KUDANKULAM NUCLEAR PLANT

803. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that work in Kudankulam nuclear plant had to be stopped recently due to some leakages; and
- (b) whether any nationwide safety and security audit of nuclear plants has been conducted after this incident and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) A brief shutdown was taken in Kudankulam Unit-1 recently to attend to minor leak noticed in the conventional system (non-radioactive system). Subsequently, the reactor was restarted after necessary rectification.
- (b) The incident had no radiological safety implications and therefore did not call for any safety and security audit. However, periodic safety reviews and audits are carried out by the utility and the regulatory authority (Atomic Energy Regulatory Board) in all Indian Nuclear Power Plants.
