

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2015

LICENCE FOR REGULAR OPERATION OF KUDANKULAM PLANT

1927. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has granted licence for regular operation of a Kudankulam Nuclear Plant unit 1, currently operated by Nuclear Power Corporation of India, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Regulatory Board revealed that the safety review of Kudankulam's Water - Water Energetic Reactor (VVER) Pressurised Water Reactor has confirmed that they satisfy the requirements specified by it and the current International safety standards 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) Yes, Sir. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) on July 10, 2015 granted license for regular operation of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Unit-1 (KKNPP-1) which is valid for five years (till July, 2020).
- (b) Yes, Sir. AERB has carried out extensive review of the safety aspects of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Unit-1, including siting, design, construction, commissioning and power operation. The safety reviews carried out by AERB followed a multi-tier review process, which was done over several years. The reviews were carried out considering the safety requirements specified by AERB which are consistent with current international safety requirements including those stipulated by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Thus, KKNPP satisfies the requirements specified by AERB as well as the current international standards.
