

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.321
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2015

DELAY IN COMMISSIONING OF KUDANKULAM PROJECT

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is inordinate delay of nearly eight years in commissioning of Kudankulam Atomic Power Project Unit-2, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) if so, the details of the escalation in the cost of the project due to this inordinately delay?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Kudankulam Project comprises two Light Water Reactors, each of capacity 1000 MW. Of these, Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Unit-1 is already in commercial operation since December, 2014 and has generated 6876 Million Units (MUs) including 2243 MUs generated before start of commercial operation since its connection to the Southern Grid in October 2013. Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Unit-2 is at advanced stage of commissioning and is expected to be connected to the grid in the current financial year.

The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Units 1&2 (KKNPP 1&2), originally scheduled to be completed in December 2008 were delayed mainly due to delays in sequential receipts of equipment from Russian Federation and subsequent local protests at the site. The effect of protests, various litigations in High Court and Supreme Court, meeting the directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court by various agencies before commissioning of the plant and accord of various regulatory clearances by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board took time.

- (b) The original approved cost of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project Units 1&2 (KKNPP 1&2) was Rs.13171 crore, which was revised to Rs. 17270 crore in May 2013. Which doesnot include further revision in project cost to include certain additional scope of work, apart from escalation.
