

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO: 144
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2011

ACCIDENT OF TRUCK CARRYING NUCLEAR MATERIALS

*144. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a truck carrying nuclear materials had an accident in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) If so the details thereof;
- (c) Whether Government is taking any initiative to increase the security escort during transportation of nuclear materials;
- (d) If so, the details thereof and ;
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND IN THE PMO (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)to(e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 144 FOR ANSWER ON 01.12.2011 BY SHRI MOINUL HASSAN REGARDING ACCIDENT OF TRUCK CARRYING NUCLEAR MATERIALS

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) A container trailer truck carrying nuclear material and going from Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Department of Atomic Energy(DAE), Jaduguda, Jharkhand to Nuclear Fuel Complex, a constituent unit under the DAE, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh met with a small accident on 24.10.2011 at 0745 hours on the N.H. 16 road near Narasannapet town, Srikakulam district, Andhra Pradesh. The truck was being escorted by two (one at front and one at rear) Central Industrial Security Force(CISF) manned vehicles. The accident occurred when a loaded truck (No.TN 54 Z 3148) traveling in front of the escort vehicle suddenly stopped alongside another stationary truck (No. AP 30 W 3839), which was parked on the roadside. The front escort vehicle narrowly managed to swerve to one side avoiding a serious clash but the loaded container trailer truck traveling behind the escort vehicle in spite of immediately applying the brakes, slowed down but rammed into the rear of truck No. TN 54 Z 3148. The engine of the container trailer truck was damaged without any injury to the driver. There was no impact either on the container in which the uranium peroxide is packed, or on the fuel itself. The nuclear materials on board the truck were intact without any spillage and there was no release of radiation into the atmosphere at the spot of the accident. There was no injury to any person either in the trailer or in the road. The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board which assessed the situation has reported that there is no release of radiation into the atmosphere at the spot of the accident. The power unit(cab) of the container truck with the damaged engine was removed and attached to another cab(which was requisitioned) and the container truck left the accident site at 1800 hours on 26.10.2011 for NFC, Hyderabad.
- (c)&(d) Transportation of nuclear materials are being carried out always by providing adequate security by way of CISF escorts in the front and rear of such transportation.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.
