

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2012

POWERS OF THE ATOMIC REGULATORY BOARD

1. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to give more powers to the India's Atomic Energy Regulatory Board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS
AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) :

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has introduced the Nuclear Safety Regulatory Authority (NSRA) Bill, 2011 in the Lok Sabha on 7 September 2011. Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has functional independence and reports to the Atomic Energy Commission. By enacting the NSRA Act, the functional independence of AERB will be converted into de jure independence thereby addressing any public apprehensions about regulation of nuclear and radiation safety in India.
- (c) Does not arise.
