

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2176
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2012

UPGRADATION OF SAFETY MEASURES

2176. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN :
SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government wants safety measures upgraded at nuclear facilities;
- (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) Hon'ble Prime Minister in his statement of 14 March 2011 after the Fukushima accident reiterated that the Government attaches highest importance to nuclear safety.

All the nuclear power plants in India are under continuous regulatory surveillance by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) and detailed periodic safety reviews of these plants are conducted while renewing their operating licence. In addition, all the nuclear power plants have an established programme of operating experience feedback under which the events occurring in Indian nuclear power plants and other countries are reviewed. Even though the safety record of Indian nuclear power plants is excellent, the upgradation of safety to still higher levels is an ongoing exercise, conducted through periodic reviews and incorporation of lessons learnt from national and international operational feedback. The safety upgrades in Indian nuclear facilities, as needed to maintain the state of the art safety features, are accordingly implemented.

(c) Does not arise.
