GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION 1328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022

SETTING UP OF NUCLEAR REACTORS IN JAITAPUR

1328. SHRI SHANMUGA SUNDARAM K.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

a)   whether the Government is having any proposal for installing six atomic reactors in Jaitapur from a French company;

b)   if so, the details thereof;

c)   whether the provisions of Vienna Convention of Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (CNLD) is a binding contract for Jaitapur plant with the French company;

d)   if so, whether the Government is having any proposal to dilute the provisions of Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage (CNLD) Act passed in 2010;

e)   if so, the details thereof; and

f)   whether the ratifications of Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear damage will supersede the provisions of CNLD Act 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.

(b) The Government has accorded 'In-Principle' approval of the site at Jaitapur in Maharashtra for setting up of six nuclear power reactors of 1650 MW each in technical cooperation with France.

(c)   India is not a party to Vienna Convention (VC) on nuclear liability and hence the provisions of VC are not applicable / binding on any nuclear facility in India.

(d)   Not applicable as per (c) above.

(e)   Not applicable as per (c) above.

(f)   India has ratified Convention on Supplementary Compensation (CSC) in the year 2016. Any country which is party to Paris Convention / Vienna Convention or having a national legislation on nuclear liability which is aligned with Annex of CSC can join the same and ratify. India's CLND Act 2010 is aligned with annex of CSC. By joining the CSC, India can seek compensation from the international pool of contacting parties to CSC in case of a nuclear incident which exceeds the CLND Act limit of maximum compensation of 300 million SDRs (Special Drawing Rights).

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