GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.322** TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2021

STATUS ON CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NUCLEAR REACTORS

322. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given a nod for construction of new nuclear reactors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the location of each one of them;
- (c) by when these reactors would become critical and how much of electricity is likely to be generated; and
- (d) the existing rank of India in energy generation in global scenario?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Government in 2017 had accorded administrative approval and financial sanction for 12 new reactors with a total capacity of 9000 MW - reactors - ten (10) indigenous 700 MW Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) to be set up in fleet mode & two (02) units of Light Water Reactors (LWRs) to be set up in cooperation with Russian Federation.
- (b)

| Project | Location & State | Capacity (MW) |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| KKNPP 5&6 | Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu | 2X1000 |
| PHWRs in Fleet mode | | |
| Kaiga-5&6 | Kaiga, Karnataka | 2 X 700 |
| GHAVP-3&4 | Gorakhpur, Haryana | 2 X 700 |
| Chutka-1&2 | Chutka, Madhya Pradesh | 2 X 700 |
| Mahi Banswara- 1&2 | Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan | 2 X 700 |
| Mahi Banswara- 3&4 | Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan | 2 X 700 |

(c) The details are as follows:

| Project | Location & State | Expected Completion |
|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| KKNPP- 5&6 | Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu | 2026 / 2027 |
| PHWRs in Fleet mode | | |
| Kaiga-5&6 | Kaiga, Karnataka | |
| GHAVP-3&4 | Gorakhpur, Haryana | |
| Chutka-1&2 | Chutka, Madhya Pradesh | Progressive completion by |
| Mahi Banswara- 1&2 | Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan | 2031 |
| Mahi Banswara- 3&4 | Mahi Banswara, Rajasthan | |

On their completion these units will generate about 54 billion units of electricity per annum at normative capacity factor (68.5%).

(d) India ranked third among countries in terms of total electricity generation and thirteenth in terms of nuclear power generation in the year 2019.
