GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1283 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022

Employment for landowners yielding land for Kudankulam Power Plant

1283 Shri K.R.N. Rajeshkumar:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether people of Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu had given their land to construct Kudankulam Power Plant;
- (b) whether landowners were promised that they will be offered jobs in the Kudankulam Power Plant:
- (c) if so, the number of jobs offered to the beneficiaries so far and the number of jobs still pending to be given; and
- (d) if so, by when these pending jobs will be offered?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) to (d) There was no displacement involved at Kudankulam. No promise was made to the landowners regarding offering of jobs. However, the compensation for land and landed assets as finalized by the state government was paid to the landowners. The setting up of the project provided employment opportunities for the local people in NPCIL. Relaxation in age and percentage of marks in essential qualification is being provided to the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in the recruitments of Group 'C' posts at KKNPP as per the extant guidelines. So far, 72 nos. of PAPs have been recruited through this recruitment process. Large numbers of locals are also employed with the contractors. In addition, business opportunities for the locals in supply of goods and services have also been generated.
