

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 647
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2017

BANKRUPTCY OF WESTINGHOUSE

647. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Westinghouse has submitted bankruptcy petition before a US Court recently in connection with its atomic project in North Carolina;
- (b) whether its second project in Georgia is also in doldrums and is also on the verge of closure;
- (c) if so, how the Ministry would take up Kovvada Nuclear Power Project in Andhra Pradesh which is much bigger than the above two projects; and
- (d) how much land for Kovvada project has, so far, been given by Andhra Pradesh to Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) ?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Government is aware that M/s Westinghouse (WEC) has filed a bankruptcy petition before a US Court.
- (b) No official information is available in this regard.
- (c) Presently discussions with M/s Westinghouse (WEC) are in progress to arrive at a viable project proposal for setting up nuclear power reactors at Kovvada in Andhra Pradesh. The project will be set up on emergence of a viable project proposal and accord of administrative approval and financial sanction by the Government.
- (d) Action for land acquisition for the Kovvada project has been initiated. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has accorded permission for advance possession of 1473.16 acres of Government land to Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL). Of this, about 679 acres of vacant and encumbrance free Government land has been handed over to NPCIL as of November 2017. Action for taking possession of the balance land has also been initiated.
