

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 18.11.2010
ANSWERED ON

COMMISSIONING OF REACTOR IN KUDANKULAM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT .

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Smt. Kanimozhi

Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the scheduled commissioning of the first reactor in the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant has been delayed to March, 2011;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay;
- (c) whether this is likely to affect the scheduled commissioning of the second reactor;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to remedy the impact of this delay?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI V NARAYANASAMY):

(a) The construction activities of Unit-1 of Kudankulam have been completed. This unit is under advance stage of commissioning. Commissioning of electrical, water system & other auxiliary systems have been completed. Commissioning of reactor is in hand. The criticality procedure starting with fuel loading & subsequent testing of power operation are planned from December 2010 onwards.

(b) The delay in the project schedule has been on account of delay in sequential supply of equipment / components from Russian Federation.

(c) Yes sir.

(d) The second reactor (Unit-2) will be commissioned after a gap of 8-10 months after commissioning of first reactor (Unit-1).

(e) The matter regarding supplies of equipment has been taken up with Russian Federation at the highest levels of Governments. There has consequently been an improvement in the supplies.