

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 954
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2017

LEAKAGE AT NUCLEAR PLANT

954. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that work in Kudankulam nuclear plant had to be stopped due to some leakage and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any nationwide safety and security audit of nuclear plants has been conducted after this incident 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) No, Sir. The first unit of Kudankulam (KKNPP-1) was under maintenance shutdown and scheduled for start up recently, when a performance shortfall was noticed in one of the components in the conventional (non radioactive) systems. The unit was thus brought down to cold shutdown state for maintenance of the component.
- (b) Does not arise. However, periodic safety reviews and audits are carried out by the utility and the regulatory authority (Atomic Energy Regulatory Board) in all Indian Nuclear Power Plants.
