

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3960
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019

NUCLEAR PLANTS EXPANSION PROGRAMME

3960. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has earmarked exclusive budget, approximately Rs. 10,000 crore per year, for ten years for the nuclear plant expansion programme and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up N-plants in Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and J&K since these States do not have any N-plants; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard so far?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Finance Minister's budget speech in Lok Sabha on 29.02.2016 for 2016-17 budget included the following reference to nuclear energy:

"In the power sector, we need to diversify the sources of power generation for long term stability. Government is drawing up a comprehensive plan, spanning next 15 to 20 years, to augment the investment in nuclear power generation. Budgetary allocation up to Rs.3,000 crore per annum, together with public sector investments, will be leveraged to facilitate the required investment for this purpose."

- (b)&(c)The Government has already accorded administrative approval and financial sanction for setting up four units of 700 MW each at Gorakhpur in Haryana and the first two units - GHAVP 1&2 (2X700 MW) are under construction.

The process of identification of suitable sites for locating future nuclear power plants is an ongoing activity, carried out by the Standing Site Selection Committee (SSSC) of the Department of Atomic Energy.
