

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1983
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2016

NUCLEAR POWER CAPACITY

1983. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to put on the back-burner a plan to install 20 Gigawatts of nuclear power capacity in the country by 2020 and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government also proposes to focus on increasing wind and solar power capacity in *lieu* of nuclear power plants; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Based on the progress of pre-project activities at the green field sites for which 'In-principle' approval had been accorded and developments in international co-operation in respect of the reactors to be set up in foreign technical collaboration, the Government had in July 2014, set a target of tripling the then capacity of 4780 MW in next ten years (by the year 2024).
- (b) & (c) No, Sir. All sources of power including nuclear are planned to be deployed optimally to meet the country's growing demand of electricity. The Government has set the target of 175 GW for renewable energy capacity by the year 2022 which includes 100 GW from solar, 60 GW from wind, 10 GW from bio-power and 5 GW from small hydro-power.
