

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 509
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.04.2016

EXCAVATION CLEARANCE FOR KUDANKULAM NPP

509. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has given the much awaited site excavation clearance for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (NPP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the excavation work would be completed?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The excavation clearance for Units 3&4 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project (KKNPP-3&4) was accorded by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) on January 21, 2016. The excavation has commenced on February 18, 2016.
- (c) The excavation will be carried out in stages for the various plant buildings progressively. The entire excavation is expected to be completed in about 15 months.
