

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4695  
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SETTING UP OF ATOMIC POWER STATION IN EASTERN REGION  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have identified new sites in the eastern region for setting up of Atomic Power Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government are planning to set up nuclear power plants in West Bengal;
- (d) if so, whether the sites have been selected for setting up Atomic Power Plants in the States;
- (e) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose so far; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): No suitable sites in Eastern Electricity Region have so far been identified by the Site Selection Committee. Moreover, as the Region is endowed with significant coal reserves, the priority for setting up of atomic power stations is relatively lower, for the time being, as compared to other regions.
- (c): As of now, there is no such plan.
- (d): A number of sites proposed by the West Bengal State Government have been considered and so far, no suitable site could be identified.
- (e) & (f): Not applicable, in view of the above.