

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF APSARA REACTOR  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to shift the Apsara reactor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the present status of each of the reactors in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Government is not proposing to shift the Apsara Reactor. The separation plan identified in March, 2006, as a part of reciprocal actions to open up civil nuclear cooperation between USA and India provides for shifting of the core of Apsara Reactor. A new core would replace the existing core when shifted.

(c) Presently all the Research Reactors at Trombay viz., Apsara, Cirus and Dhruva are in operation and functioning normally. In addition, the Fast Breeder Test Reactor(FBTR) and Kalpakkam Mini Reactor (KAMINI) at Kalpakkam are also in normal operation.