



Commissioning of Unit II of KNPP

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Government has received request from Government of Tamil Nadu to expedite early commissioning of Unit II of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) and make it fully operational.

The second unit of Kudankulam project (KKNPP-2 - 1000 MW) was connected to the grid on August 29, 2016 and has since been generating infirm (non commercial) power. Thereafter, the unit power was raised in steps in line with regulatory clearances and it reached its full power of 1000 MW on January 21, 2017. It has generated about 1325 Million Units of electricity (upto January 23, 2017) since its connection to grid.

The allocation and expenditure on the KKNPP 1&2 project in the last three years (in ₹ crore) is as follows:

Year	Allocation (RE)	Expenditure
2013-14	1500	1555.45
2014-15	1611	1018.64
2015-16	1347	712.45

There was no displacement involved at Kudankulam and the persons whose land was acquired were paid compensation as finalised by the state government. Preference has been given to Project Affected Persons in employment in Grade C & D posts and in employment with project contractors.

In respect of employment of other local people, direct employment in NPCIL of posts to be filled on regional basis have been filled as per guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel & Training. In addition large numbers of local people have been employed with contractors.

This information was provided by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North-Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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