

Uranium deposits discovered in North East India

More fuel

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Over 16,000 tonnes of Uranium deposits have been found in the North Eastern state of Meghalaya, Prime Minister's Office informed Lok Sabha today.

In Meghalaya, the uranium deposits were found in West Khasi Hills District, Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office Prithviraj Chavan said in reply to a question.

He said the present nuclear power capacity of 3900 Mwe would be progressively increased to 7280 MWe by 2011 with the completion of projects under construction at Kaiga (Karnataka), Rawatbhata (Rajasthan), Kudankulam (Tamil Nadu) and a prototype fast breeder reactor project at Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu.

More units were also planned to be taken up in the 11th Plan and beyond so as to reach an installed capacity of about 20,000 MWe by 2020, he said.

An expert committee set up by Planning Commission to formulate an integrated energy policy for the country has suggested in its draft report the possibility of reaching a nuclear capacity of 48000 MWe to 63000 MWe in the next 25 years through a mix of indigenous pressurised heavy reactors, fastbreeder reactors and light water reactors.