

## Nuclear liability law needs clarity: Kakodkar

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**Chennai:** India is working on a nuclear insurance pool to address liability issues, said Atomic Energy Commission member Anil Kakodkar on Wednesday.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Foundation Day celebration of National Institute of Ocean Technology, Kakodkar said the government should clear all doubts on its nuclear liability law. "There needs to be clarity in the nuclear liability law. Interpretations of the law are keeping investors away," he said.

Department of atomic energy is pursuing the issue with the ministry of finance after no single insurance company, including state-owned General Insurance Company, expressed willing-

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ness to provide financial cover to nuclear plants including the Kudankulam nuclear plant.

When asked about the tripping in Kudankulam nuclear plant, Kakodkar said that it was bound to happen and it only shows that the safety measures are in place. "During initial operations, more trips are bound to happen. It only shows that the safety measures are functioning. There is nothing to fear in Kudankulam," he said.

Kakodkar further said that the country's resources are fast depleting and that they should be used optimally while also looking into oceans for energy resources.

"In absolute terms, we are producing large but in terms of per capita, ours is a highly resource starved country," he said.

He said that the coal reserve in the country won't last long, given the rate of growth and the rate of coal consumption. "The rate at which our population is growing and we are developing, it won't last for another three or four decades from now," he said.

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