

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

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ATOMIC ENERGY TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any MoU has been signed between India and any other foreign country in regard to development of Atomic energy technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of atomic power projects under implementation; and
- (d) the number of proposals pending with the Government for clearance and total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Government has entered into agreements with various countries for co-operation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. In the context of nuclear power projects, an Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed between the Republic of India and former Soviet Union (FSU) on November 20, 1998 for setting up of 2x1000 MWe VVERs (Pressurised Water Reactors) at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, a 'Supplement to the IGA' was signed between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation on June 21, 1998 to incorporate the revised terms for the implementation of the project. Consequent to this, a contract for preparation of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed project was signed by the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and the Russian Organisation 'ATOMSTROYEXPORT' on 20th July 1998. The 'Supplement to IGA' has come into force with effect from 18th September, 1998 after ratification by the Government of India. The DPR contract has come into effect from 4th April, 2000. Presently, the DPR is being prepared and is expected to be completed by the end of year 2001. A techno-commercial offer will be submitted by the Russian side and approved by the Government of India, after which the decision on setting up of the project will be taken. The total expenditure likely to be incurred would emerge at that stage.