

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INSPECTION OF REACTORS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the reactors for internal inspection as part of the Indo-US nuclear deal ;
- (b) if so the details thereof ;
- (c) whether there has been objections from the scientific community in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a)-(e) The position with regard to discussions between India -US on civilian nuclear energy cooperation was elucidated in the Prime Minister's Suo Motu statement on this subject on February 27, 2006. Furthermore the India-US Joint Statement issued following talks between Prime Minister and US President on 2 March 2006 underlines the successful completion of discussions on India's separation plan and looks forward to the full implementation of the commitments in the July 18, 2005 Joint Statement on nuclear cooperation. This historic accomplishment will permit our countries to move forward towards our common objective of full civil nuclear energy cooperation between India and the United States and between India and the international community as a whole.