

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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COOPERATION IN FIELD OF CIVIL NUCLEAR ENERGY

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether South Africa and France have expressed their willingness to cooperate with India in the field of civil nuclear energy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether certain South African and French Companies have carried out feasibility studies to set up civilian nuclear plants in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)&(d) India is exploring civil nuclear cooperation with all potential countries including South Africa and France. Discussions have been held at various levels including between companies to fully explore the potential for cooperation.