

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the International Energy Agency in its Annual World Energy Outlook has submitted a blueprint for a sustainable energy as reported in the Hindustan Times dated November 08, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether steps taken by the Government towards sustainable energy is likely to ensure safety of nuclear projects also; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Energy Outlook 2006 (WEO 2006) recommends reduction of energy demand & emissions and improved efficiency of energy use. The alternative policy scenario of WEO-2006 serves the three goals of greater energy security, environmental protection and economic efficiency. It demonstrates that nuclear power could make a major contribution to reducing dependence on fossil fuels and curbing CO₂ emissions in a cost-effective way.

(c) to (e) Indian Nuclear Power Plants have an excellent safety record. Emphasis on safety will continue to remain an area of focus in case of enhanced contribution of nuclear power in India.