

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1386
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REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the western countries do not wish to reprocess spent fuel in their plants but would rather ship out the same to the Indian plants to be reprocessed and the plutonium shipped back to them as reported in the Asian Age dated July 20, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details of the facts, reported therein;
- (c) whether the burden of handling and disposing of the large quantities of hazardous radioactive waste of other nations will also fall on India;
- (d) if so, whether any such proposal has been made by the United States to India in its ongoing talks on nuclear deal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of India thereto?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. We have no such proposal from any country.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.