

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH NSG COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started any negotiations with Nuclear Supply Group (NSG) countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the countries with which such negotiations have been initiated;
- (c) whether any NSG countries came forward with supply of reactors and nuclear fuel;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b)to (d) In order to increase the share of nuclear energy in the overall energy mix of the country,it is necessary to augment the limited domestic Uranium supplies either through indigenous resources or through imports.India has therefore been in dialogue with members of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) like US,France and Russia to open up civil nuclear trade with India.India has signed a cooperation agreement with the Government of French Republic on the development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy on 30.09.2008.India has also signed an agreement for cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America concerning peaceful uses of nuclear energy on 10.10.2008.India has also initialed an agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the Russian Federation on cooperation in the construction of additional nuclear power plant units at Kudankulum site as well as in the construction of additional nuclear power plant units at sites in the Republic of India.India is also in the process of pursuing civil nuclear cooperation with other countries which may be interested in the developing such cooperation with India.