

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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SIGNING OF NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY
Deo Shri Kalikesh Narayan Singh

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of country's Nuclear Policy;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGES), PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) India's nuclear programme encompasses a comprehensive autonomous approach covering all aspects of nuclear science and technology and their applications for national welfare. We remain committed to the three-stage nuclear power programme, consisting of Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) in the first stage, fast breeder reactors in the second stage and thorium reactors in the third stage. While our indigenous nuclear power programme based on domestic resources and national technological capabilities would continue to grow, there is clearly an urgent necessity for us to enhance nuclear power production rapidly. We look upon international civil nuclear cooperation as an additionality in this context.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.