

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO-RUSSIA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Russia have signed an agreement to expand co-operation in the field of nuclear sciences recently;
- (b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof;
- (c) whether India and Russia propose to exchange visits of nuclear scientists and experts under the agreement; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the agreement is likely to be executed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a & b) India and Russia have not signed an agreement to expand cooperation in the field of nuclear sciences. However, an MoU for cooperation in Science & Technology has been signed between the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India and Russian Research Institute (Kurchatov Institute) of Russian Federation.

(c & d) The MoU does not have any specific provision for exchange of nuclear scientists.