

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:447

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND RUSSIA

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Russia have signed an agreement for cooperation in the field of science and technology;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the agreement; and
- (c) the benefits likely to accrue to India therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 447 FOR 23.12.2005 REGARDING "AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND RUSSIA"

a) Yes, Sir. India and Russia have concluded an Inter-Governmental Agreement on Science and Technology cooperation in June 1994.

b) The salient features of the agreement are as under:

Exchange of scientists and technical experts

Exchange of scientific and technological information

Transfer of scientific and technological knowledge and experience

Organization of seminars, symposia, conferences and scientific & technological exhibition on problems of common interest

Implementation of joint scientific and technological research and developments within the framework of the Integrated Long Term Programme of Cooperation (ILTP) in Science and Technology between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation and on the basis of other bilateral programmes, projects, agreements and contracts in specific areas of S&T

Creation of joint science and research centres, laboratories, scientific groups and design bureau

Any other forms of the S&T cooperation mutually agreed by the Parties.

c) The Agreement has provided an access to Indian scientists to work in Russian laboratories and also invite Russian scientists to work in India on problems. We have also established several centres of excellence of mutual interest, which are aiming at focused

collaborative R&D in their respective thematic areas.