

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1168

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INDO RUSSIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Russia has offered assistance to India in its nuclear energy programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Russian President has asked India to meet the conditions of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG);
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two reactors of 1000 MW each are being constructed at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu in technical cooperation with the Russian Federation. The two sides are discussing the expansion of bilateral cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

(c),(d)&(e) India is in contact with a broad range of NSG countries, including Russia, to enable full civilian energy cooperation with India.