

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has held any discussion with China on the issue of the Indo-US civil nuclear deal;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government of China thereto;
- (c) the details of number of countries from Nuclear Suppliers Group who have supported India on the issue; and
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to get support of NSG on the issue?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Yes. The Joint Statement issued during the visit of President Hu of China to India in November 2006 states "International civilian nuclear cooperation should be enhanced through innovative and forward looking approaches, while safeguarding the effectiveness of international non-proliferation principles."

(c) & (d) A number of members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) such as UK, Russia and France have supported the India-US civil nuclear understanding. Government have taken steps to seek the support of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) countries inter alia through briefings to NSG member countries. Following the finalisation of the bilateral civil nuclear cooperation agreement with the United States, Government continue to be engaged with NSG countries to ensure early resumption of full civil nuclear cooperation between India and the international community.