

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF URANIUM TO INDIA

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has entered into negotiations with countries like China and Australia for the supply of Uranium to run the Indian Atomic Energy Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of these countries thereof;
- (c) whether India has explored the possibilities to buy Uranium from non-nuclear supply group of countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the names of such countries; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) While the Government is examining all possibilities of accessing Uranium, a change in terms of opening of international civil nuclear cooperation with India would be necessary to realise such a possibility.