

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6553
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IMPORT OF URANIUM
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with foreign countries to ensure regular supply of uranium to the nuclear reactors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, countrywise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to import uranium from Australia who are largest producer of uranium; and
- (d) if so, the quantity of uranium imported from Australia during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), PMO, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Contracts have been signed with France, Russia and Kazakhstan for supply of Uranium. The details of the contract are detailed below :-

Sr No Country Details of contract

1. France 300 MT of Uranium Ore Concentrates
2. Russia 2000 MT Natural Uranium Oxide Pellets spread over a period of five to six years; and
58 MT of enriched Uranium Dioxide Pellets
3. Kazakhstan 2100 MT of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate, spread over six years

(c) & (d) No, Sir.