

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SALE OF WATER REACTORS TO PAKISTAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is likely to inform Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) of its decision to sell two pressurized water reactors to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India proposes to raise the issue and negotiate judiciously on a global platform; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) The issue of China's decision to sell two pressurized water reactors to Pakistan is reported to have been discussed during a meeting of the Nuclear Suppliers' Group (NSG) held in Christchurch from 21st-25th June 2010. A Public Statement issued by the NSG following the meeting states that the Group "agreed on the value of ongoing consultation and transparency".

(c) & (d) Government has raised this matter at the official level with China which has responded that its nuclear cooperation with Pakistan is for peaceful purposes, consistent with China's international obligations and subject to IAEA safeguards and supervision.

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