

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FIELD
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any requests from foreign companies including American Companies for initiating civil nuclear energy trade agreements with Indian companies; and

(b) if so, the details of such companies, country-wise?

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) The Government has signed Inter-Governmental Agreements / Memorandum of Understanding/Joint Declaration for cooperation in nuclear energy with Canada, France, Mongolia, Namibia, Russia, UK and USA.

Indian companies are now in a position to establish contacts with foreign companies in the area of civil nuclear cooperation. Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) is currently engaged in discussions with Atomstroyexport (ASE) of Russian Federation, AREVA of France, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) & Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) of the USA on setting up Light Water Reactors (LWRs) based on technical cooperation.