

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4722
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POKHARAN NUCLEAR TEST
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some scientists have recently expressed doubt regarding the success of Pokharan test conducted in 1998;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) In the recent past certain scientists in the country did raise some doubt about the success of the thermo-nuclear test carried out by India in 1998. However, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) after examining the issue in detail has released a statement confirming achievement of 50 + 10 KT, yield in the thermo-nuclear Pokhran-II test carried out in 1998.