

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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CO-OPERATION IN CIVIL NUCLEAR SECTOR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Japan have held talks for cooperation in the civil nuclear sector;
- (b) if so, whether Japan has agreed to pay special attention to the issue of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation and step up efforts to bring India to sign Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT);
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether in the past, Japan had declined to cooperate with India in the civil nuclear front; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which both countries have agreed to improve the cooperation in the civil nuclear sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (e): Yes. India and Japan are negotiating an Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. This agreement is about civil nuclear cooperation and does not relate to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Both sides have affirmed that cooperation in the civil nuclear energy sector will open up new opportunities for further developing the India-Japan Strategic and Global Partnership.