

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2347
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EXPORT OF RARE EARTH MATERIALS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreement with Japanese Government for export of rare earth materials to that country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantum and value of rare earth materials likely to be exported in the near future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) :

(a), (b) & (c) No Sir. However, Indian Rare Earths Ltd., a public sector undertaking, has signed an agreement with Toyota Tsusho Corporation, Japan dated 04.12.2009 for the sale of 6000 MT/annum of rare earth chloride from its Monazite Processing plant at OSCOM, Orissa, which is expected to commence production by the end of 2011.