

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:559
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PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP OF NSG
Singh Shri Rakesh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to obtain permanent membership of 'Nuclear Supplier Group';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the name of supporting and opposing countries alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, the Government has taken up with Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and NSG member countries for India's full membership of the Group. United States, France and Russia have publicly stated their support for India's membership of NSG.