GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1712 ANSWERED ON:10.08.2011 SUPPLY OF URANIUM TO INDIA Bali Ram Dr.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Australia has decided not to supply uranium to India;
- (b) if so, reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the bilateral ties between the two countries may be affected due to this; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes. The Australian Government has taken the position that it will not supply Uranium to countries that have not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
- (c) to (e) The Government is in touch with the Australian Government in this regard. However, the multifaceted relationship with Australia is expanding in diverse areas including in trade & investment, energy & resources, education and science & technology.