

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:396
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2011
REQUIREMENT OF URANIUM
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the requirement of uranium during the Twelfth Five Year Plan period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of uranium likely to be produced and imported during the said period separately to meet the requirement;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to sign any agreement with Australia for the import of uranium; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to(e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 396 FOR ANSWER ON 21.12.2011 BY SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE AND SHRI ZAFAR ALI NAQVI REGARDING REQUIREMENT OF URANIUM

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Country's Uranium requirement in the 12th Five Year Plan period is estimated to be 5057 tonnes. This includes 318 tonnes of low enriched uranium for Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) -1&2 and Kudankulam (KK) -1&2.

(c) As a part of long term Uranium procurement agreement entered with Russia and Kazakhstan, the quantum of uranium likely to be imported during the said period is as given below:-

Country	Quantity	Type
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M/s TVEL Corporation, Russia	1375MT	Natural Uranium Di-Oxide Pellets
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M/s Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan	1150MT	Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate
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It is not in public interest to disclose details on uranium production in the country.

(d) & (e) According to reports in media, the leadership in Australia has made statements to reverse the ban on export of uranium from Australia to India. However, no formal communication has been received by the Government of India from Australia, so far. It is not possible, as yet, to provide the time by which Uranium for our reactors will be available from Australia.