

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ATOMIC ENERGY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3073

ANSWERED ON:12.12.2012

EXPORT OF RARE EARTH MINERALS

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**Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with Japan to export rare earth minerals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the quantity of rare earth minerals exported/proposed to be exported to Japan under the aforesaid agreement?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan have signed a memorandum on 16.11.2012 on cooperation in the rare earths industry in India.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) & (b) above.