

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF NUCLEAR MINERALS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain changes had been made in the Atomic Energy Act through a notification on 18 January, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether such changes are likely to lead to export of many atomic minerals from the country under open general licence;
- (d) if so, the names of those minerals;
- (e) whether the atomic energy sector of the country is likely to suffer financial loss by export of these minerals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) No Sir. The notification of 18 January 2006 issued under the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 pertain to Prescribed Substances, Prescribed Equipment and Technology. The items listed in the notification are regulated as per the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962.

(c)&(d) Separate license is required for acquisition, production, possession, use, disposal, export and import of any of the prescribed substances. The prescribed substances inter-alia includes uranium, thorium, any material, substance or concentrate containing uranium and thorium, and also niobium, tantalum and beryllium. These elements and their minerals are important for atomic energy programme and the changes as above do not bring these under open general licence for export.

(e) No Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.