

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:50
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2013
NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENTS
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries with which India has already entered into nuclear energy cooperation agreements and the countries with which talks are going on for the same;
- (b) the progress made in reopening the Indo-Japan nuclear energy cooperation talks;
- (c) the time by which a nuclear-energy agreement would be reached with Japan; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue to the country in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 50 REGARDING 'NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENTS' FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2013

(a) India has signed civil nuclear cooperation agreements with France, the United States of America, the Russian Federation, Canada, Argentina, Namibia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and the Republic of Korea. There is a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Kingdom. Discussions have been held with Japan, Australia and Sri Lanka.

(b) & (c) Three rounds of formal negotiations have been held between India and Japan on an Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

(d) Cooperation in civil nuclear energy with Japan is aimed at strengthening the India-Japan Strategic and Global Partnership, enabling Japanese companies to participate in India's civil nuclear programme and fostering cooperation in basic and applied research regarding peaceful uses of nuclear energy and nuclear safety.