

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:651

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NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Australia has agreed to supply uranium to India for peaceful purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the outcome of the first and second round of negotiations in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to arrive at a civil nuclear cooperation agreement with Australia?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) As stated in the Joint Press Statement on the State Visit of the Prime Minister of Australia to India on 17 October 2012, the bilateral Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement is for Australia a prerequisite for uranium sales to other countries. Discussions have been initiated with Australia on the proposed bilateral Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement.