

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the talks on nuclear cooperation with Japan have gained momentum over the past few months;
- (b) If so, the details of the discussions held in this regard, including the discussions held during the recent visit of Japanese Prime Minister to India;
- (c) the details of the concerns expressed by both the countries in reaching a civil-nuclear agreement and the steps taken to overcome these hurdles;
- (d) the time by which an agreement on nuclear cooperation will be inked; and
- (e) the roadmap chalked out by both the countries in the field of nuclear energy security?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a)&(b) Yes. Three rounds of talks on an Agreement for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy have been held with Japan in recent months (September 2013-December 2013). The discussions covered all aspects of civil nuclear cooperation between the two sides, including the scope of such cooperation and application of IAEA safeguards and measures of nuclear safety and physical protection. The two Prime Ministers reviewed the talks during the recent visit of Prime Minister Abe and welcomed the substantial progress made.

(c)&(d) Discussions are continuing on the text of the draft agreement. The two Prime Ministers have directed their officials to exert further efforts towards an early conclusion of the Agreement.

(e) 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.