

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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CIVILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with whom civilian nuclear co-operation agreements have been entered into after the landmark Indo-US nuclear agreement;and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to create public awareness and acceptance of the use of nuclear power energy for peaceful and developmental purposes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE),PMO,PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) After the signing of an Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy on October 10, 2008, India has entered into following civil nuclear cooperation agreements:

(i) An Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Russian Federation on 'cooperation in the Construction of Additional Nuclear Power Plant Units at Kudankulam Site as well as in the construction of Russian Designed Nuclear Power Plants at New Sites in the Republic of India was signed on December 5,2008.

(ii) An agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Namibia on Cooperation in Peaceful uses of Nuclear Energy was signed on August 31,2009.

(b) The Government has a structured public awareness programmes to disseminate authentic information and acceptance to nuclear energy in various target groups. These include exhibitions and seminars in schools,exhibitions at various scientific/technical fora, technical visits of public/media personnel to stations/sites and workshops etc.The web sites of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and other units of DAE have information about nuclear power and these are regularly updated.