GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4034 ANSWERED ON:17.12.2014 ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECTS Singh Shri Lallu

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many rounds of talks have been concluded between India and the US for setting up of atomic energy projects in India;
- (b) if so, the total rounds of talks held during the last three years;
- (c) whether the next round of talks is scheduled to be held in December 2014; and
- (d) if so, the expected outcome in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR.JITENDRA SINGH):

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. India and U.S. have been having regular discussions to realise full civil nuclear cooperation pursuant to an Inter-Govern-mental Agreement signed between the two countries on 10.10.2008.
- (c) & (d) During the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the U.S. in September 2014, it was decided to establish a Contact Group for advancing the implementation of India U.S. civil nuclear energy cooperation in order to realise early the shared goal of delivering electricity from US built nuclear power plants in India. The first meeting of this group is scheduled on December 16 -17, 2014 in New Delhi.