GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4732 ANSWERED ON:22.04.2015 SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL Devi Smt. Rama

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the countries that expressed their willingness to provide nuclear fuel after a nuclear agreement was reached with the United States of America (USA);
- (b) the quantum of nuclear fuel promised to be provided by each of these countries;
- (c) the country-wise details of the quantity of fuel received;
- (d) the quantity of the fuel to be provided during the current year as per the agreement; and
- (e) the names of the countries which are yet to provide fuel even after promising to do so?

Answer

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

- (a) As part of the civil nuclear cooperation, India has entered into Inter-Governmental Agreements (IGA) with France, USA, Russia, Namibia, European Union, Canada, Argentina, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Vietnam and Sri Lanka, some of whom are uranium producers and suppliers.
- (b) Agreements have been made with the following countries for supply of nuclear fuel:

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S.No. Firm/Country Agreements signed for supply nuclear fuel

1 M/s AREVA, France 300 MT Uranium Ore Concentrate (in 2008)

2 M/s TVEL Corporation, Russia 2000 MT Natural Uranium Dioxide pellets spread over five years (in 2009)

4 M T of Enriched Uranium Dioxide pellets (in 2015)

3 M/s NAC Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan 2100 MT of Uranium Ore Concentrate spread over six years (in 2009)

4 M/s NAMC, Uzbekistan 2000 MT of Uranium Ore Concentrate spread over five years (in 2013)

5 M/s CAMECO, Canada 3000 MT Uranium Ore Concentrate spread over six years (in 2015)

(c) Quantum of fuel received is as under:

S.No. Firm / Country Quantity received
(as of April 15, 2015)

1 M/s AREVA, France 299.87 MT $
2 M/s TVEL Corporation, Russia 1514.69 MT ##
58.29 MT @
3 M/s NAC Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan 2095.90 MT #
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# In the form of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate.
## In the form of Natural Uranium Di-oxide Pellets.
@ In the form of Enriched Uranium Di-oxide Pellets.
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- (d) During the current year,
- (i) M/s. JSC TVEL Corporation, Russia will supply about 303 MT of Natural Uranium Di-oxide Pellets and 42 MT of Enriched Uranium Di-Oxide Pellets; and
- (ii) M/s CAMECO, Canada will supply 250 MT of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate.
- (e) Supply of nuclear fuel from M/s. Navoi Mining & Metallurgical Combinat State Company (NMMC), Uzbekistan has not yet commenced due to issues related to dispatch and transportation of the material.