GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

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Transportation of Nuclear Fuel
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on purchase of nuclear fuelfrom Kazakhstan every year;

(b) whether the Government is facing difficulties in transporting nuclear fuel from Kazakhstan to India as the former is a landlocked country and if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the effective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)In accordance with the Contract recently entered into between the Joint Stock Company "NAC Kazatomprom", Kazakhstan and the Directorate of Purchase & Stores (DPS), DAE, around 750–1000 MT of Uranium is to be imported every year. The estimated expenditure is Rs.650 crore towards import of 1000 MT every year.

(b)M/s.Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan is delivering the material at JNPT, Mumbai, hence Government of India is not facing any problem for transporting the nuclear fuel from Kazakhstan.

(c)Does not arise in the context of reply to question (b) above.
