GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:588 ANSWERED ON:20.07.2016 Uranium Reserve Ninama Shri Manshankar

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering for creating its own uranium reserve;
- (b)if so, the details of the efforts made in this regard;
- (c) the countries which are supplying uranium for creating uranium reserve; and
- (d)the country-wise details of imports of uranium during the last two years?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b)Consequent upon Civil Nuclear Co-operation, the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has been importing Uranium Ore to meet the Fuel requirements of Safeguarded Nuclear Power Plants. Agreements for import of uranium have been signed with M/s. JSC TVEL Corporation, Russia; M/s. JSC NAC Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan, and M/s. CAMECO, Canada.
- (c) Russia, Kazakhstan and Canada are the countries supplying uranium as on date for creating uranium reserve.
- (d) The country-wise details of imports of uranium during the last two years:

Name of the Firm & Country/Year 2014-15 2015-16 Quantity in (MT) M/s. JSC TVEL Corporation, Russia 296.54* 303.78* NIL 42.15\$ M/s. JSC NAC Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan 283.4# NIL M/s. Cameco, Canada NIL 250.74#

* In the form of Natural Uranium Di-oxide Pellets. \$ In the form of Enriched Uranium Di-oxide Pellets. # In the form of Natural Uranium Ore-Concentrate.
