

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has made a more determined pitch for early induction into the elite nuclear groups and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether India has made it clear to the US that the country's inclusion in the regimes would benefit the US industry and if so, the details thereof and the response of the US in this regard; and
- (c) the list of countries that have supported India's endeavour so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) & (b) India is engaged with the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and the three other multilateral export control regimes, namely, the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), Australia Group (AG) and Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) as well as the individual members of these four regimes with a view to our membership. Membership of the regimes is, inter-alia, expected to ease India's access to dual-use and high technology items as well as strengthen global non-proliferation efforts. In the Joint Statement issued on September 30, 2014 during Prime Minister's recent visit to United States, U.S. affirmed that India is ready for NSG membership and meets MTCR requirements. India will formally apply for membership of the regimes once the ground has been adequately prepared for its membership.

(c) U.S., Russia, France, United Kingdom and Australia have expressed their support for India's membership of the NSG. A number of other members of the four regimes have conveyed their support for India during official discussions.