GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2791 ANSWERED ON:30.07.2014 SUPPLY OF URANIUM Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram;Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Australia and Canada have agreed to supply uranium to India and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any bilateral discussions have taken place with these countries or any other country in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any conditions have been laid down by these countries for uranium supply to India and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the positive steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to acquire enough uranium for meeting the requirement of power sector?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India and Canada concluded an Agreement for Cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy on 27th June 2010. Discussions on commercial contracts for supply of Uranium from Canada are presently underway. A bilateral Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement between India and Australia is nearing finalisation.

(c) Supply of uranium would be consistent with respective legal obligations on both sides and as such no additional conditions have been laid down.

(d) Uranium supply agreements have been concluded with Russia, France, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Uranium procurement policy is presently with the Government for consideration.