

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 25.02.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**RAISING OF NPT BY JAPANESE PM .**

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Will the Minister of COAL, HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) Whether signing of non-proliferation treaty of nuclear weapons was raised by the Japanese Prime Minister during his visit to India in December, 2009;
- (b) If so, whether our declared policy of first signing this NPT by US and China was supported by Japanese PM in view of our commitment to a unilateral and voluntary Moratorium on nuclear testing; and
- (c) Whether international perception about US and China signing the NPT would be mobilized in various international forums?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

- (a) No. The signing of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was not raised by the Japanese Prime Minister during his visit to India in December 2009.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) US and China are already signatories to the NPT.