

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1251
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016**

TALKS ON DISARMAMENT

1251. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there have been talks between the Indian and Chinese delegation on disarmament and non-proliferation;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any consensus was arrived at, between the delegations on India's membership to the Nuclear Suppliers Group; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) Two rounds of talks have taken place between India and China recently, the first one on September 13, 2016 in New Delhi and the second on October 31, 2016 in Beijing regarding issues of mutual interest covering disarmament, non-proliferation and in particular India's interest in membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). The talks have been substantive, frank and constructive.

(c) & (d) No. The Government continues to engage with all NSG members including China at the appropriate levels for an early decision on India's application for membership of the Group.
