

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

NSG

1422. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has got any confirmation of support from Russia in its efforts for getting the permanent membership in “Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)” in near future;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the manner in which it would help in getting significant edge to the country in world scenario?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) The Russian Federation has been a long standing supporter of India’s membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. This support was also reflected in the most recent Joint Statement that was adopted on the occasion of the visit of Prime Minister to St. Petersburg on June 1, 2017, and re-affirmed during the visit of Mr. Sergey Ryabkov, Deputy Foreign Minister, Russian Federation to India on December 6, 2017.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Membership of the NSG would enable India to have enhanced and uninterrupted access to nuclear technology, fuel and materials required for its expanding civil nuclear programme. It would create a predictable environment for the large investments required for setting up nuclear power plants in India, inter alia, to meet India’s Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) pledge of 40% of its power capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.
