

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6189**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018

**PROCUREMENT OF NUCLEAR FUELS**

6189. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has held any talks with Uzbekistan and other countries to procure nuclear fuel as part of its plan to create a strategic uranium reserve;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Australia has agreed to supply uranium to the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

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- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Consequent upon the Civil Nuclear cooperation, Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) has been importing Uranium to meet the fuel requirements of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safeguarded Nuclear Power Plants. The details of quantities of Uranium imported so far since the year 2009 is as follows:-

Sr. No.	Firm/ Country	Date of entering into Contract	Total Quantity to be procured as per Contract
1.	M/s. AREVA, France	17.12.2008	300 MT of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate.
2.	M/s. PJSC TVEL Corporation, Russia	11.02.2009	2000 MT of Natural Uranium Oxide Pellets.
		11.02.2009	58 MT of Enriched Uranium Oxide Pellets.
		03.03.2015	42 MT of Enriched Uranium Oxide Pellets.

Sr. No.	Firm/ Country	Date of entering into Contract	Total Quantity to be procured as per Contract
3.	M/s. Navoi Mining & Metallurgical Combinat, Uzbekistan	28.09.2013	2000 MT of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate. Supply of nuclear fuel from M/s. NMMC, Uzbekistan has not yet commenced due to issues related to dispatch and transportation of the material.
4.	M/s. Cameco, Canada	15.04.2015	The Contract permits procurement of a minimum of 2750 MT and maximum 5500 MT of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate.
5.	M/s. JSC NAC KazatomProm, Kazakhstan	12.11.2009	2100 MT of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate.
		08.07.2015	The Contract permits procurement of a minimum of 3750 MT and maximum 7000 MT of Natural Uranium Ore Concentrate.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Negotiations are underway with M/s. BHP Billiton, Australia and M/s. Heathgate Resources, Australia. However, no contract has been concluded so far.

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