GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 323

TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021

CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN ATOMIC POWER PROJECTS

323. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any request from China for taking part in the atomic power projects in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Chinese are against Indian entry into the elite Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and the position of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the national security aspect of allowing Chinese reactors to be established in India, if permission given?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b)&(d)Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) continues to be under the consideration of the Group. India has received support from a large number of members of the NSG. As a non-member of NSG, India is not privy to its internal discussions. However, it is gathered that procedural issues have been raised in the NSG in regard to consideration of India's application for the membership. The Government has continued to engage with members of the NSG, at the appropriate levels, for support for an early decision on India's membership by the Group.
