

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-5313
ANSWERED ON 25/03/2026

URANIUM SUPPLY CONTRACT

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has finalized the CAD 2.6 billion uranium supply contract with Cameco for 10,000 tonnes of Uranium Ore Concentrates and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which this agreement is likely to ensure a stable fuel supply for India's 24 operating reactors and the indigenous 700 MW PHWRs under construction;
- (c) the details of positive implications this deal is likely to have for the 'Viksit Bharat' 100 GW nuclear power target and whether similar negotiations are underway with Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has observed a reduction in the cost of power for imported fuel based reactors after the Basic Customs Duty exemption on non-irradiated nuclear fuel announced in the 2026 Budget and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the Department of Atomic Energy is working with the Ministry of External Affairs to secure overseas uranium mining rights and reduce exposure to global price volatility?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes. Government has finalized a contract with M/s. Cameco, Canada for supply of 8300 MTU of Uranium Ore Concentrate for a period of 9 years starting from 2027.

- (b) The agreement is likely to contribute in building natural Uranium stockpile and to ensure stable fuel supply for IAEA safeguarded operating PHWRs and the indigenous 700 MW PHWRs under construction which could be placed under IAEA safeguards.
- (c) This deal would help in building natural Uranium stockpile and hence towards nuclear power target for the 'Viksit Bharat'. Discussions are underway with state agencies of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan for procurement of uranium in the form of Uranium Ore Concentrate.
- (d) Since the announcement in the Budget 2026-27, no imports of non-irradiated nuclear fuel have been made for Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP), to assess any reduction in cost of power as a result of the budget announcement.
- (e) Department of Atomic Energy is working closely with the Ministry of External Affairs to identify possible opportunities around the world to create a resilient supply chain for the Nuclear Energy Mission for Viksit Bharat.
