

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3960
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016

SHORTAGE OF URANIUM

3960. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the atomic power plants in the country are facing shortage of uranium in view of its non-availability;
- (b) if so, whether there is huge unused amounts of uranium in various States including Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for non-exploitation of the said uranium reserves especially in Rajasthan for which the country has to depend on its import?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Sir. The Government has taken measures to ensure availability of adequate quantity of fuel by augmenting domestic fuel supply and entering into agreements with several countries for import of fuel for reactors under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safeguards.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) In the state of Rajasthan at Rohil, Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) has already taken up exploratory mining to establish the nature of mineralisation, orebody and its techno-commercial viability. Unavailability of water in this region is a major constraint to taken up regular mining and ore processing operations in this region.
