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Q.NO.*32. SIGNING OF FRESH NUCLEAR DEAL WITH USA

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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.32
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.02.2015

SIGNING OF FRESH NUCLEAR DEAL WITH USA

*32. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed a fresh nuclear deal with United States of America during the recent visit of USA President to India;

(b) if so, the details of the salient features of the deal;

(c) whether Government has waived the compensation clause in the Nuclear Liability Act, 2010 for USA companies/suppliers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 32 REGARDING "SIGNING OF FRESH NUCLEAR DEAL WITH USA" FOR ANSWER ON 26.02.2015

1. India and the U.S. have reached an understanding on the issues related to civil nuclear liability and finalised the text of the Administrative Arrangement to implement the bilateral 123 Agreement.

2. This understanding was reached in three rounds of discussions in a Contact Group set up for advancing the implementation of civil nuclear cooperation during PM's visit to the U.S. in September 2014 and was welcomed by the leaders in their Joint Statement of January 25, 2015. During the course of the discussions, using case law and legislative history, India presented its position concerning the compatibility of the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 (CLND Act) with the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC). The proposed India Nuclear Insurance Pool as a part of the overall risk-management scheme for liability was also presented to the U.S. side. An understanding was then reached, based on India's presentations and the discussion thereon, that our CLND Act is consistent with the international norms on civil nuclear liability.
3. A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Answers on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 and related issues has been published on the websites of Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy.
4. Government has not waived any provisions related to compensation under the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act of 2010.



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