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QUESTION NO.1448 RUSSIAN SUPPORT FOR NSG MEMBERSHIP

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2018

RUSSIAN SUPPORT FOR NSG MEMBERSHIP

1448. SHRI C. M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) how does the Ministry look at the recent strong statement by Russia supporting India's bid for membership of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG);
- (b) whether Russia is talking to Beijing about India's membership at different levels;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the statement would help India to get the membership; and
- (d) to what extent India's entry into Wassenaar Arrangement would be of help in this regard?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) The Russian Federation has been a long standing supporter of India's membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group. This support was also reflected in the Joint Statement that was adopted on the occasion of the visit of Prime Minister to St. Petersburg on June 1, 2017, and re-affirmed during the visit of Mr. Sergey Ryabkov, Deputy Foreign Minister, the Russian Federation to India on December 6, 2017. The Wassenaar Arrangement and the Nuclear Suppliers Group are two distinct export control regimes. The Government continues to engage with all members of the NSG at the appropriate levels for a positive decision on India's membership of the Group.



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