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Consultation with China for Membership of NSG

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consultations with China on the membership of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) was held in the recently concluded G-20 Summit, if so, the details thereof;

(b) how does the Ministry look at recent statement by US Secretary of State John Kerry that by the end of this year India would become a member of the NSG; and

(c) how would the above happen when China has made it again clear in the first week of November that it would not allow India to become a member of NSG?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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(a) No.

(b) & (c) Government believes that India's early membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) would strengthen global non-proliferation objectives. It is understood that consultations are taking place within the NSG on the issue of India's membership. The Government is engaged with all NSG members including China at the appropriate levels for an early decision on India's application for membership of the Group. In this regard, two rounds of talks have taken place between India and China recently, the first one on September 13, 2016 in New Delhi and the second on October 31, 2016 in Beijing. The talks have been substantive, frank and constructive.