

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1282
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

Supply of nuclear fuel as per agreement with Russia

1282 Shri R. Girirajan:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, in view of continued Russia-Ukraine conflict, there is any problem regarding supply of nuclear fuel for Koodankulam Nuclear Plant, Tamil Nadu, as per the agreement with Government of Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the current status of Uranium purchase agreement with Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Canada;
- (c) whether it is a fact that 133 number of fuel assemblies and 100 MT of natural Uranium (UOC) are scheduled to be imported during 2022-23; and
- (d) the amount spent on import of nuclear fuel in last five years by Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL)?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No, Sir. The fuel for Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KKNPP), Units-1&2 is supplied as per contractual obligations.
- (b) Does not arise in view of 'a'. At present there is only one Uranium Purchase agreement with Uzbekistan.
- (c) During the year 2022-2023 following Numbers of Fuel assemblies have been imported for KKNPP 1 & 2

Sr. No	Period 2022-23	No. of Fuel assemblies imported for KKNPP 1 & 2
1.	May-June 2022	67
2.	April-May 2023	66
3.	Oct-Nov 2023	133
4.	Total	266

(d) UCIL does not import Nuclear Fuel. The amount spent on import of Nuclear fuel during the last 8 years is Rs.10781.03 crore. (Excluding Duties and Taxes)
