

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1122**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018

**MEASURES FOR PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY**

1122. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has declared that nuclear energy is vital for meeting the challenge of climate change and suggested efforts to promote its public acceptance amid growing opposition to nuclear power and plans by some countries to phase out their atomic power plants in United Nations;
- (b) the quantum of electric energy India harness from nuclear reactors;
- (c) whether Government has signed any memorandum of understanding with Holtec International for nuclear equipment facility; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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- (a) In the 73<sup>rd</sup> United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, on report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), India stated that nuclear power remains an important option to meet the challenges of increased energy demand, address concerns about climate change, redress volatile fossil fuel prices and ensure security of the energy supply. It was also mentioned that IAEA needs to continue its programmes of support to Member States embarking on or expanding their nuclear energy programmes and most importantly, support Member States in enhancing their capacity to build public acceptance for nuclear energy.
- (b) The present installed nuclear power capacity in the country is 6780 MW.
- (c) The Central Government has not signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Holtec for nuclear equipment facility.
- (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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