

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2722
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019

AGREEMENT WITH KAZAKHSTAN FOR SUPPLY OF URANIUM

2722. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that an agreement has been signed by India with Kazakhstan for supply of 5,000 tonnes of Uranium to India to its nuclear plants;
- (b) if so, the details of the agreement;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Uranium is expected to reach India this year; and
- (d) the status of Uranium supplies from other countries such as Canada, Argentina, Namibia, etc.?

ANSWER

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

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. A Contract was signed with M/s. JSC NAC Kazatomprom, Kazakhstan on 08.07.2015 for procurement of 5000 MT of Uranium Ore Concentrate (UOC) spread over a period of 5 years during 2015 to 2019 at an indicative total cost of Rs.3156 crore, with an option to procure additional quantity of 500 MT of UOC per year for four years from 2016 to 2019, on mutually acceptable terms.
- (c) Yes, Sir. As per the contract with M/s. JSC NAC Kazatomprom, the balance quantity of 1500 MTU is scheduled to reach India in December 2019.
- (d) The status of Uranium supplies from other countries such as Canada, Argentina, Namibia, etc., is furnished in the Annexure. No contractual agreement is entered into apart from the countries mentioned in the Annexure.

Status of Uranium supplies from various countries

Sl. No	Date of Contract	Firm's name	Total Quantity to be procured as per contract	Status of Contract
1.	17.12.2008	M/s. AREVA, France	300 MT 'U' in the form of UOC	Contract stands executed
2.	11.02.2009	M/S. JSC TVEL, Russia	2000 MT'U' in the form of Natural UO ₂ pellets	Contract stands executed
3.	11.02.2009	M/S. JSC TVEL, Russia	58 MT'U' in the form of Enriched UO ₂ pellets	Contract stands executed
4.	03.03.2015	M/S. JSC TVEL, Russia	42 MT'U' in the form of Enriched UO ₂ pellets	Contract stands executed
5.	31.12.2018	M/s. JSC TVEL, Russia	56.67 MT 'U' Enriched UO ₂ pellets	Contract stands executed
6.	15.04.2015	M/s. Cameco Inc., Canada	3000 MT 'U' in the form of UOC and additional quantity of 2500 MT 'U' with mutual agreement	Balance quantity 1000MT 'U' scheduled to be received in December-2019 and 1000 MT 'U' to be received in 2020.
7.	18.01.2019	M/s. NMMC, Uzbekistan	1100 MT 'U' in the form of UOC	Supplies will start from 2022
