

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
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INDIA'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NSG

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether India's application for membership to the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is still under consideration;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to secure NSG membership despite not being a signatory to the NPT; and
- (c) the international response to India's nuclear credentials and civil nuclear agreements so far?

ANSWER

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

- (a) India's application for membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) remains under consideration of the Group. Government continues to engage with the NSG and its members at the appropriate levels for a decision on India's application.
- (b) India is engaged with the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and individual members thereof at the appropriate levels to seek membership of the Group. India is not a member of the NSG and is hence not privy to its internal discussions. However, it is gathered that while no member explicitly opposes India's membership, procedural objections have been raised ostensibly on grounds of India's non-NPT status. India's position on the NPT remains unchanged. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to sign the NPT as a precondition for joining the NSG.
- (c) India has a well-developed and diversified indigenous nuclear power programme, in addition to robust non-proliferation credentials. India has signed Intergovernmental Agreements for cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy with key partners and progress continues to be made under these agreements.
