

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2016

RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION ON NUCLEAR DAMAGE

1448. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has ratified the convention on Supplementary Compensation for nuclear damage, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether the ratified law is in conflict with the prevalent domestic law in India regarding nuclear damage liability, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government has ratified the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC), and the instrument of ratification in this regard has been deposited to International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on 4th February 2016. The objective of CSC is to establish a worldwide liability regime and to increase the amount of compensation available to the victims of nuclear accidents. On becoming a party to the Convention, should a need arise, India will be able to access international funds under the CSC beyond the national limit for liability [which under Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010 is rupee equivalent of 300 million Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)] in the event of a nuclear incident.
- (b) No, Sir.
