

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.330
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2015

PRIVATE SECTOR IN NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any recent request/agreement with the private sector to enable them to participate in nuclear power generation as a major partner;
- (b) the extent to which the private sector is participating in the supply of equipment and services for nuclear power generation in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in its Working Group Report on Civil Nuclear Energy (2009), inter-alia, suggested certain amendments to the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 to enable private sector participation in nuclear power generation as a majority partner.
- (b) The participation of the Indian private sector in the supply of equipments and services for nuclear power generation in the country has increased considerably over time in both scale and the capacities to build/manufacture systems, equipments, components and structures to print or design specifications. The private sector provides core reactor components, services in core areas that includes construction, fabrication and erection of equipments, piping, electrical, instrumentation, and consultancy, auxiliary and logistical services.
- (c) For the present, participation of Indian private sector in nuclear power generation projects will continue to be as per the existing provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962. Private sector can participate in setting up of nuclear power plants as a junior equity partner.
