

embargoes; in fact, embargoes have accelerated the process of indigenisation, development of new technologies having no parallel elsewhere and finding technology solutions best suited to our conditions.

(c) and (d) R&D in the Department of Atomic Energy is primarily directed towards technology development required for the indigenous nuclear reactors and fuel cycle activities.

(e) Indigenously developed technologies for nuclear reactors and fuel cycle operations are of international standard. In some areas, India occupies a global leadership position.

(f) Government has been providing adequate support in the development of various aspects of nuclear technology.

#### **Approach on Nuclear Bill**

2914. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes a go-slow approach on Nuclear Bill;
- (b) to what extent the Bill would help American Nuclear Reactor Manufacturers; and
- (c) to what extent the Bill would help India in strengthening its nuclear capability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) The Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Bill 2010 is likely to be introduced in the Lok Sabha during the current session of Parliament.

(b) and (c) The Bill aims to provide prompt compensation to victims of a nuclear incident. Enactment of a legislation which provides for nuclear liability that might arise due to a nuclear incident will also enable India to join an appropriate international liability regime. An adequate liability regime in India is also considered essential for the growth of India's nuclear sector. This would also facilitate cooperation on the basis of India's civil nuclear cooperation agreements with other countries including with the USA.

#### **Joint Venture on Nuclear Fuel Fabrication and Uranium mining**

2915. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russian PM, during his recent visit to India, had offered N-fuel fabrication and a joint venture to explore and mine uranium in Russia; and