

Pacts on procurement of Uranium

‡2082. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pacts relating to procurement of Uranium have been signed during the Prime Minister's foreign tours;

(b) if so, the names of the countries, the pacts have been signed with as well as and the quantity of uranium to be procured; and

(c) whether any proposal to procure uranium from other countries too is under consideration, and if so, the names of such countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH): (a) and (b) No; Does not arise.

(c) India has signed civil nuclear cooperation agreements with France, United States, Russia, Namibia, Canada, Argentina, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Czech Republic and Australia; A Memorandum of Understanding on civil nuclear cooperation has been signed with Mongolia and a joint declaration has been signed with United Kingdom.

Pakistan indulging in anti-India propaganda

‡2083. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that Pakistani High Commission situated in other countries are indulging in anti-India propaganda and are providing protection to terrorists;

(b) if so, the number of such cases that have come to the notice of Government during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government has raised or proposes to raise these issues with the concerned countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GENERAL (RETD.) V. K. SINGH): (a) to (c) Government is aware of the attempts by Pakistan to step-up anti-India propaganda around the world in order to divert international attention from its continued policy of sponsoring and using terrorist groups against India.

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