

India and the Government of Japan for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy was signed on November 11, 2016 during the visit of Prime Minister to Japan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Dialogue with China for entry in NSG

185. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government entered into any constructive and effective dialogue with China, which is vehemently opposing India's entry in Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), to change its stand in this regard; and

(b) if so, details thereof, and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) and (b) Government has been engaging with all members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) including China in the context of its interest in membership of the Group. In this regard, two rounds of talks have taken place between India and China recently, the first one on September 13, 2016 in New Delhi and the second on October 31, 2016 in Beijing. The talks have been substantive, frank and constructive.

Presence of China around bordering States of India

†186. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is building several national highways upto Indian border, from Tibet to Lhasa in Nepal, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether China is showing its footprints in Pakistan by way of constructing 800 kms. long road, connecting Karakoram pass with Gwadar port and also through several other projects which pass through Pak-occupied Kashmir and whether it is a strategic and diplomatic move by them; and

(c) steps being taken by Government to weaken the rising influence of China in above bordering States, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI M. J. AKBAR): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any specific proposal regarding such national highway projects from China to Indian border through Nepal.

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