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To

Dr. Sekhar Basu  
Secretary  
Dept of Atomic Energy (DAE)  
Govt of India

Dear Dr Basu,

**Subject:- Price of imported uranium for the nuclear power projects being set up**

I refer to **my letter dated 12-6-2016**, a copy of which is forwarded here.

I wonder whether your Department has addressed the concerns I had expressed in my letter regarding the risks associated with imported fuel that would form the basis for India's future nuclear development programme.

As predicted in my letter, structural changes have started taking place already in the fuel supplying industry as evident from the latest reports on Westinghouse's move to sell its fuel fabrication facilities to China. I enclose for your information one such report, "Westinghouse to Sell Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Equipment to China" (<https://nuclearstreet.com/nuc...>)-  
**nuclear-fuel-fabrica**

In other words, the fuel for NPCIL's power project at Kovvada in Srikakulam District in Andhra Pradesh will have to come from China! How prudent is this arrangement from India's point of view? It amounts to placing India's energy lifeline in the hands of China!

I do not think that the DAE has applied its mind to this possibility while making announcements day-in and day-out about its over-ambitious, people-unfriendly proposal to import reactors and fuel from external sources.

I request you to get the concerns expressed by me analysed carefully and place the matter before the Cabinet Committee on Security before proceeding further with all future proposals regarding new nuclear power projects, especially those that would depend on Westinghouse's reactors and fuel.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Former Secretary to GOI  
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