

## **'Pulling out of Indo-US nuke deal could enhance India's image'**

New Delhi (PTI): India's standing in the global polity could enhance if the government pulled out of the Indo-US nuclear agreement in keeping with the majority opinion expressed in Parliament, the CPI said on Sunday.

"The debate in Parliament showed that the majority were against the deal. It has to be seen whether the government can afford to ignore this ground reality," party National Secretary D Raja said here.

He was responding to questions on External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee's comments in an interview that though government would not like to proceed with the deal if the Left withdraws support, a pull out from the agreement will have "some adverse impact" on India's standing in the world.

It should not be construed that India's image would suffer if the government did not proceed with the deal.

"In fact, this will enhance the image of India as a strong, vibrant and sovereign democracy if the government respects the majority view in Parliament. India cannot be taken for granted," Raja said, adding that the United States Congress has also so far not ratified the Kyoto Protocol on climate change and global warming.