

Pranab says Nuclear deal still on, but no deadline committed

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Washington: Pranab says Nuclear deal still is still on, but refuses to commit on timeline:

Pranab Mukharjee asks for more time from US in order to arrive at a consensus with regards to nuclear deal, he mentioned that India is willing to go ahead with the nuclear deal but the government has to work out on the finer details so that the terms of the deals are acceptable to the majority of the government.

In the news conference Pranab said "At this juncture, it is difficult for me to indicate any time frame by which we will be able to complete this process,"

Once the deal is complete India will have to get approval from International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG).

When asked about picking "being in power" over "good for the nation", Pranab mentioned that it is more important to arrive at a political consensus rather than forcing a policy.

US however is hoping to get a reply back by end of may so that the current US government will have sufficient time to act upon it.

In addition to the Nuclear deal Bush and Mukharjee discussed a number of other bilateral issues.