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### Q NO.3906 RAIL/ROAD LINK TO IRAN

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LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3906  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2014

RAIL/ROAD LINK TO IRAN

3906. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct a rail/road link to Iran;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also planning to use the Iranian port of Chabahar for establishing connectivity to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of benefits likely to be derived out of such a move along with the time by which constructive steps likely to be taken in this regard?

#### ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) & (b) Currently there are no ongoing road or rail projects in Iran involving participation of Government of India.

(c) to (e) Government has been holding discussions with the Government of Iran to participate in the upgradation of the Chabahar Port which could, once it is developed, provide a reliable sea-land access route for India to Afghanistan and countries of the Central Asian region.



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