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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2015

US ADVICE ON BUSINESS WITH IRAN

382. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the United States has said that India and other countries should not rush into doing business with Iran as Washington is yet to work out its nuclear deal with Tehran;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) what implications it would have on the trade between India and Iran; and
- (d) whether India has agreed to abide by the said dictate of the USA, and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) In our bilateral engagements, India and US have discussed developments relating to Iran. India has made it clear to the US that India-Iran relations are rooted in history and are based on close cultural and civilizational affinities. In the current context, India-Iran relations are marked by regular interactions and high level consultations including meeting between the Prime Minister of India and the President of Iran in Ufa, Russia on 9 July 2015.

Our relationship has been marked by ties spread into diverse areas, such as trade and commerce, industry, energy transport and communications, stronger connectivity in the region, agriculture,

education and culture. Iran is also one of the main sources of supply of crude oil to India.

India's bilateral relations with Iran stand on its own and are not influenced by India's relations with third countries.



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