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## QUESTION NO.432 INDIA-IRAN AGREEMENT ON CHABAHAR PORT

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RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.432  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2016

### INDIA-IRAN AGREEMENT ON CHABAHAR PORT

432. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the highlight of the recent agreement between India and Iran on Chabahar Port and to what extent it is helpful to India;
- (b) whether it is a fact that India is spending more than 4,000 crore to develop the port and infrastructure; and
- (c) how strategically and diplomatically getting this port is important in view of the fact that China was also keen to get it?

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

(a) to (c) India-Iran cooperation in the field of development of infrastructure and regional connectivity including the development of Chabahar Port is in line with the Tehran Declaration (2001) and the New Delhi Declaration (2003).

A commercial contract for the development and operations of Chabahar Port was signed between Indian Joint Venture India Ports Global Pvt Ltd (a Consortium of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and Kandla Port

Trust) and Iran's Arya Banader on 23 May 2016 in Tehran during the visit of the Prime Minister to Iran. Government of India and Port and Maritime Organization (PMO) of Iran signed the contract as Confirming Parties. The contract is for the period of 10 years.

As per the contract India will construct two terminals (five berths) at Chabahar Port according to the specifications agreed under the Inter-Governmental MoU signed between India and Iran on the 5th May 2015. The MoU envisages construction of a multipurpose cargo terminal (600 mtrs length) and a container terminal (640 mtrs length).

Participation in the Chabahar Port development will provide India an alternative and reliable access route into Afghanistan utilizing India's earlier investment in Zaranj-Delaram road built in Afghanistan, and also a reliable and more direct sea-road access route into Central Asian Region. Chabahar Port's location at the Arabian Sea means that it would be able to skirt any challenges posed by developments in the Persian Gulf and Strait of Hormuz.

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