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Title: Need to frame a profitable formula to defuse tensions between Iran and United States of America.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK) : Sir, I am indeed indebted to you for allowing me to raise this issue. It is an international issue also with national ramifications. President Trump's decision to pull back from airstrikes on Iran after an American Drone was shot down over the Strait of Hormuz was a rare moment of restraint amid escalating tensions between the two countries. The United States need to deescalate its maximum pressure tactics applied on Iran. Iran was fully compliant of the Nuclear Deal. Yet, the United States pulled out of the Deal which set off the escalation. The maximum pressure tactics as it is being quoted have led to tension between Iran and the United States.

It is escalating day by day. Iran in response to the US pressure threatened to repeal the Nuclear Agreement that was intended to curb Tehran's ambition in exchange for relief from economic sanctions. But the US statement that it would stop extending sanction waiver to nations importing Iranian oil has direct impact on India as Tehran is the third largest oil supplier to India. Now, India has stopped importing oil from Iran which not only increases the cost of imported oil for India but also adversely affects India's bilateral relationship with Iran.

I, therefore, urge upon the Government to finely balance its approach towards Iran and the United States in defusing such tensions since a significant amount of Indian interests lie in both the countries.

While Iran and the United States are on the edge of an abyss, India should play its diplomatic role behind closed doors to find a way out.

Today, the Secretary of State of the United States is in India and a discussion is also taking place in Delhi. Tonight, the hon. Prime Minister is leaving for Osaka in Japan and he will be meeting the President of Russia and also the Prime Minister of Japan. There is a need to have closed-door meetings so that the President of China, the President of Russia and the Prime Minister of India work together to defuse tensions in the Middle East and work out a profitable formula.

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