

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5181
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019

CHABAHAR PORT

5181. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the development and Indian operations at Chabahar Port are adversely affected by the ongoing tensions between the USA and Iran; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the diplomatic measures that are being deployed to safeguard our strategic and commercial interests?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) & (b) India is participating in the development of the first phase of Shahid Behesti Port in Chabahar in cooperation with the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran. The Indian company, India Ports Global Limited, has taken over port operations in December 2018 and has been successfully handling cargo since then.

The U.S. has shown understanding of the importance of the Chabahar Port operations for continued humanitarian supplies to Afghanistan and to provide Afghanistan with economic alternatives.

Afghanistan has also started using the port facility. It has sent its first export consignment to India through Chabahar Port in February 2019.

Subsequently, it has sent three more consignments to India through Chabahar Port in June 2019.
