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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the increased differences on the nuclear issue of Iran will affect India adversely;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any invitation has been received by India to mediate in the existing dispute between Iran and the Western countries; and
- (d) if so, the details being worked out for a smooth settlement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) The differences on the nuclear issue of Iran has led to UN sanctions on Iran. In addition, the US and EU have also imposed unilateral sanctions. Government is studying the impact on India of sanctions against Iran. We continue to maintain that we are bound by UN sanctions and unilateral sanctions imposed by countries or group of countries should not impact on our legitimate trade relations with Iran. Indian companies have faced difficulties in making payments for crude oil and other imports from Iran through international banking channels. India is in discussions with Iran to ensure settlement of payments and uninterrupted supply of crude oil.

(c) & (d) India has not received any invitation to mediate in the existing dispute between Iran and the Western countries.