

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5442
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TRADE WITH AFGHANISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Iran proposes to enter into a transit pact for transporting goods to and through Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India proposes to invest the entire expenditure needed for the expansion of Chabahar port that would act as a hub for this arrangement;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the investment in the port infrastructure is likely to be in the identified areas/sectors that is not likely to attract sanctions from the United States of America and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a)& (b): Indian goods are already moving to Afghanistan through Iran.
- (c) No Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) No decision has been taken by Indian government to invest in Chabahar port infrastructure of Iran.