

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:554

ANSWERED ON:07.08.2013

CHABAHAR PORT

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is quietly intruding into India's geopolitical space in Iran by offering Tehran credit facility and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether China is financing the project to keep India out of Chabahar and protect its investment in Gwadar port in Pakistan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is a proposal to form inter-ministerial task force to fast track an agreement with Iran to prevent any setback; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c) Government have seen news reports of China offering a credit facility for purchase of equipment by Iran for Chabahar Port.
- (d) No.
- (e) Does not arise.