

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NUCLEAR AGREEMENT ON IRAN
Hegde Shri Anant Kumar Dattatreya

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent agreement reached between Iran and the P5+1 group - U.S., U.K., France, Russia, China and Germany - on Tehran's nuclear programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the likely impact of the said agreement on the bilateral as well as trade relation between India and Iran?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

- (a) Yes. Government of India is aware of an understanding announced on April 2, 2015 in Lausanne between Iran and the E3+3 (China, France, Germany, Russia, UK and US - also called P5+1 group) on the Iranian nuclear issue.
- (b) The understanding lays down the parameters for negotiation of a comprehensive settlement by the group by June 30, 2015. India maintains that the Iranian nuclear issue should be resolved peacefully by respecting Iran's right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy as also the international community's strong interest in the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme. The April 2, 2015 announcement underlines the success of diplomacy and dialogue, which India has always supported.
- (c) Government of India has continuously taken steps to enhance our bilateral relations with Iran in all sectors including trade, commerce and economic relations.