

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3906
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RAIL ROAD LINK TO IRAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct a rail/road link to Iran;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also planning to use the Iranian port of Chabahar for establishing connectivity to Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of benefits likely to be derived out of such a move along with the time by which constructive steps likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Currently there are no ongoing road or rail projects in Iran involving participation of Government of India.
- (c) to (e) Government has been holding discussions with the Government of Iran to participate in the upgradation of the Chabahar Port which could, once it is developed, provide a reliable sea-land access route for India to Afghanistan and countries of the Central Asian region.