

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.997
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th FEBRUARY, 2018
CHABAHAR PORT

997. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state: -

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- whether the Phase-I of Chabahar Port in Iran known as Shahid Beheshti Port has been operationalised for trade between India and Afghanistan;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether Ministerial level meetings amongst Iran, India and Afghanistan have been held for further development of Chabahar Port;
- if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- the total trade likely to be undertaken from this phase and the remaining phases of Chabahar Port among the member countries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Phase-I of Chabahar Port has partially been operationalised by Iranians and was inaugurated on 3rd December, 2017. Wheat shipments from India to Afghanistan are handled at Shahid Beheshti Port.

(c)&(d): Trilateral meeting between Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping, India, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Afghanistan and Minister of Road and Urban Development, Iran was held in New Delhi on 28 September 2016. The 2nd Ministerial level trilateral meeting between Afghanistan, India and Iran to discuss the implementation of Trilateral Agreement on Establishment of International Transport and Transit Corridor was held at Chabahar, Iran on 3 December 2017. The Minister of Roads and Urban Development of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Minister of Commerce and Industries of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Minister of State for Shipping of the Republic of India led the respective delegations.

The importance of Chabahar as a hub for regional economic connectivity and the commitment to work towards this objective was reiterated in the meeting. The Ministers agreed that an integrated development of connectivity infrastructure including Ports, road and rail networks would open up greater opportunities for regional market access and contribute towards the economic integration and benefit of the three countries and the region.

(e) The total traffic expected in first 5 years of Phase -I is as under:

	Container (Million TEUs)	General Cargo (Million Tons)
2018-19	0.07	+ 0.45
2019-20	0.106	+ 0.78
2020-21	0.145	+ 1.14
2021-22	0.187	+ 1.51
2022-23	0.233	+ 1.9

Presently only second phase is under development, but, India is not involved in the development of second Phase of ShahidBeheshti Port.
