

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3182  
ANSWERED ON 28/03/2023

**MARITIME TRADE WITH IRAN, ISRAEL AND EGYPT**

3182. SHRI ANEEL PRASAD HEGDE:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any step has been taken to promote maritime trade with Iran, Israel and Egypt;
- (b) if so, the details thereof explaining the advantages to the country vis-a-vis each of the above 3 countries;
- (c) whether the Ministry has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) for seaplane service under Sagarmala Project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a) & (b) Yes. Sir, various steps have been taken to promote maritime trade with Iran, Israel and Egypt. Various Major Ports have extended applicable discounts and concessions on VRC and CRC. Various events and webinars such as “Chabahar Day” on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022, on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 and workshop on “Linking Chabahar with INSTC” etc in Financial Year 2022-23 was also organised to promote and enhance the trade with Iran.

(c) & (d) Yes. Sir, This Ministry through “Sagarmala Development Corporation Limited” had invited EoI for Seaplane Service under Sagarmala Project on 01.01.2021. On the due date of bid submission i.e. 22.01.2021, in response to the EoI, 8 companies submitted their application.

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