

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 602
ANSWERED ON 23/07/2026**

SUPPORT TO IRAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government extended any diplomatic, humanitarian, consular or economic support to Iran during the recent war in the Persian gulf region;
- (b) the details of high-level diplomatic engagements, humanitarian assistance and evacuation or relief measures undertaken for Indian nationals and affected civilians in Iran;
- (c) whether any requests for assistance were received from Government of Iran and the response thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken to safeguard India's strategic interests, including energy security, connectivity projects and bilateral cooperation with Iran during and after the war?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a to d) The continued conflict in West Asia and related developments are a matter of utmost concern to India. Since the start of the conflict, the Government has been in close contact with the parties to the conflict, including Iran, and other regional and international interlocutors. Prime Minister has spoken to Iranian President thrice and the Minister of External Affairs has spoken to Iranian Foreign Minister eight times. There have also been high-level visits from Iran to India for BRICS-related meetings, including by Foreign Minister, Petroleum Minister, Agriculture Minister, Justice Minister, Cooperatives, Labour and Social Welfare Minister and the Iranian Deputy NSA.

India has reiterated that dialogue and diplomacy should be pursued to arrive at a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict. India has also underlined the need to ensure unimpeded freedom of navigation and the safe flow of energy and commerce in and around the Strait of Hormuz.

The Government has provided several consignments of medical aid to Iranian civilians impacted by the conflict and has also facilitated the supply of food articles, medicines and other essential commodities to Iran. The Government has also permitted the emergency docking of Iranian Navy Ship IRIS Lavan since March 2026 and is accommodating the vessel's crew as a humanitarian gesture.

The well-being and security of the Indian community in Iran is Government's overriding priority. The Embassy has issued timely advisories to guide Indian nationals based on the prevailing situation and has activated emergency helplines and email to assist the Indian nationals in Iran. The Embassy

is also assisting Indian nationals who wish to cross over international borders from Iran, via Armenia and Azerbaijan. As on 17 July 2026, a total of 2557 Indian nationals, including 1091 students and 657 fishermen, have been facilitated to cross through the land route.

The Government remains in close coordination with Iran on issues of mutual interest.
