## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1942 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2017 CHABAHAR PORT

## 1942. ADV. CHINTAMAN NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to operate Chabahar Port in Iran and another port in Bangladesh for transportation of goods and other purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these ports are likely to be operated by the Government;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to use these two ports for defence related matters also; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

## ANSWER

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

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. India Ports Global Ltd. has signed a Contract with Aria Banader of Iran to equip and operate two terminals at Chabahar - Shahid -Beheshti Port in Iran for transportation of goods and other purposes. There is no decision to operate any Port in Bangladesh.

As per Article 6 of the Contract, effort are to be made to commence commercial operations at Chabahar –Shahid- Beheshti Port in Iran within 18 months from the Contract activation date or 4 months from the date on which the Lessor hands over the Terminals and the Infrastructure Facilities to the Lessee in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.

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