

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2400
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018

INDONESIAN PORT FOR INDIA

2400. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indonesia has proposed to open its sea port for India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether India proposes to set up deep sea port in the marine-line of Andaman sea and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) During the visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Indonesia on 29-30 May 2018, the two sides agreed to upgrade bilateral relationship from strategic partnership, which was established in 2005, to a New Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The two sides agreed to expand bilateral cooperation in economic, investment and infrastructure field. The Joint Statement issued during the visit inter alia stated that the two sides “appreciate the decision to set up a Joint Task Force to undertake projects for port related infrastructure in and around Sabang” and “welcome the plan to build connectivity between Andaman Nicobar - Aceh to unleash the economic potentials of both areas.”

In addition, during the visit, the two sides have issued “Shared Vision of India-Indonesia Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific” which called for two sides “to take necessary steps to enhance connectivity (institutional , physical, digital and people - to people) between Andaman and Nicobar Islands of India and Provinces in Sumatra Islands of Indonesia to promote trade, tourism and people to people contacts; facilitate B to B linkages between the Chamber of Commerce of Andaman and the ones of the Provinces in Sumatra, including Aceh.”
