

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2020

CHABAHAR PORT

533. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

- (a) the details of progress made with respect to Chabahar Port in Iran;
- (b) the proposed deadline for the completion of the same;
- (c) whether the recent American sanctions on Iran are likely to affect the completion of the said project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]

(a) to (d) India is participating in the development of the first phase of Shahid Behesti Port in Chabahar in cooperation with the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran. The Indian company, India Ports Global Limited, has taken over port operations in December 2018 and has successfully handled over 5 lakh tons of cargo. This includes exports from Afghanistan through Chabahar Port which began in February 2019.

The U.S. has shown understanding of the importance of the Chabahar Port operations for continued humanitarian supplies to Afghanistan and to provide Afghanistan with economic alternatives.
