

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.517**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

**IRAN-CHINA DEAL**

**517. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:**  
**SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which India look at the trade and military deal between Iran and China;
- (b) whether the Ministry has assessed the impact of Chinese involvement in the Middle East on India;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the impact of this move on India-Iran trade and other relations?

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

(a) to (d) India and Iran have historical ties and close civilizational links. Our relations with Iran stand on their own footing and are independent of its relations with third countries.

India accords highest priority to our relations with countries in the West Asia and has extensive ties in the fields of culture, education, trade and investments.

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