

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.282**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

**CHABAHAR-ZAHEDAN RAIL LINK**

**282. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether in July 2020, Iran proceeded with the construction of the Chabahar-Zahedan Rail Link independently, citing delays in the proposed funding from India and Iran issued a statement, clarifying that while the funding of the rail link by IRCON had come up in negotiations, it had not been agreed upon between India and Iran;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any further development in this project; and
- (d) if so the details thereof.

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

**(a) to (d)** During the visit of the Prime Minister to Iran in May 2016, a MoU was signed between Indian Railways' IRCON and Iranian Railways' CDTIC (Construction & Development of Transportation Infrastructures Company) for construction of the Chabahar-Zahedan Railway Project.

India and Iran remain engaged on the modalities of implementation of Chabahar-Zahedan railway project, and other development projects in Iran.

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