

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5016  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022**

**STRENGTHENING OF THE INDIA ENERGY SECURITY**

**5016. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:**

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the strengthening of ties with Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Iran will bolster India's energy security, which is inseparable from maritime peace and stability in the entire region; and
- (b) if so, the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(DR. RAJKUMAR RANJAN SINGH)**

(a) Yes.

(b) India has entered into Comprehensive Strategic Partnership both with Saudi Arabia and UAE. Saudi Arabia and UAE are important suppliers of hydrocarbons to India. In 2019, India and Saudi Arabia signed 12 MoUs including the Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) Agreement. Under the Strategic Partnership Council, there is a JWG on Energy, under which all aspects of bilateral energy cooperation are discussed. India has elevated its hydrocarbon relationship with UAE from that of a buyer-seller to the level of strategic partnership. Indian companies have invested in producing upstream assets in UAE. The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has participated in the strategic reserve program of India.

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