GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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DEVELOPMENT OF CHABAHAR PORT

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) the current status of India's involvement in the development and operation of Shahid Beheshti Terminal at Chabahar Port in Iran;

(b) the details of the total investments made by India for the development of the Port since May 2015 till March 2026, year-wise;

(c) whether India's involvement in the development of the strategic Port will continue, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the current status of the 10-year agreement signed with Iran in 2024 to operate the Shahid Beheshti Terminal; and

(e) whether the Ministry has assessed the potential of this trade corridor to cut logistics costs and open new global export markets for commercial

steel, aluminium, and mineral products originating from landlocked status like Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e) The Chabahar Port project was conceptualized to provide much-needed connectivity to Afghanistan for its reconstruction and economic development, as well as to boost trade and economic linkages of India with Central Asia. An Indian government-owned company, India Ports Global Limited (IPGL), through its wholly owned subsidiary, India Ports Global Chabahar Free Zone (IPGCFZ), has been operating the port since 2018.

As per the provisions of the main contract signed between IPGL and the Ports and Maritime Organisation (PMO) of Iran on 13 May 2024, India has fulfilled its financial commitment of USD 120 million towards the project. The final tranche of this amount was transferred to PMO in August 2025.

As the conditional sanctions waiver granted by the US for the Chabahar Port project ended on 26 April 2026, the Government remains engaged with all concerned stakeholders to address the implications of this development.

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