

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 44
ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

CHABAHAR PORT PROJECT

*44. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Chabahar project;
- (b) the parties which have made investments in the projects of afore-mentioned port; and
- (c) by what time the project will be finalized?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(DR. SUBRAHMANYAM JAISHANKAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 44 FOR REPLY ON 28.11.2024 REGARDING “CHABAHAR PORT PROJECT” ASK BY SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA

(a) to (c): In May 2015, India and Iran signed an MoU on ‘Partnership of India in the Development Plan of Chabahar Port’. This was followed by the signing of a Trilateral Agreement in May 2016 between India, Iran and Afghanistan to establish the International Transport and Transit Corridor (Chabahar Agreement). India is participating in the development of the first phase of the Shahid Beheshti Terminal, Chabahar Port in cooperation with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On 24 December 2018, an Indian company, India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) through its wholly owned subsidiary, India Ports Global Chabahar Free Zone (IPGCFZ), took over the operations of Chabahar Port. On 13 May 2024, IPGL signed a ten-year contract with the Ports and Maritime Organisation (PMO) of the Islamic Republic of Iran for equipping and operating the Shahid Beheshti Terminal of Chabahar Port.

The grant assistance for the supply of equipment has been enhanced to USD 120 million. India has also committed to provide a Line of Credit of USD 250 million in rupee equivalent for the development of Chabahar Port. Since 2018, the port has handled over 450 vessels, 1,34,082 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent) of containerised cargo and more than 8.7 million tons of bulk and general cargo.

India has already supplied port equipment worth about USD 24 million to develop the Chabahar Port. The process for procurement of remaining port equipment for Chabahar Port is underway.
