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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2783
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, 20th March, 2018/PHALGUNA 29, 1939 (SAKA)

SALE OF STAKE BY STOCK EXCHANGE OF BANGLADESH

QUESTION

2783. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bangladesh Bourse has agreed to sell a large stake in its stock exchange to a Chinese consortium, rebuffing a rival bid from India's National Stock Exchange (NSE);
- (b) whether the Mumbai based NSE had offered 15 taka per share which was outbid by the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchange by a higher offer of 22 taka per share; and
- (c) whether the global watchdog Transparency International had strongly condemned the move of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission for trying to favour India as illegal and unethical meddling?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)**

(a) and (b): The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has stated that as per the information submitted by the National Stock Exchange (NSE), the Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) had invited bids from strategic investors to acquire 25% stake in DSE as part of the Exchanges Demutualization Act, 2013 of Bangladesh.

In this regard, a consortium including NSE, Frontier Bangladesh II LP and NASDAQ, US (as technology partner) had submitted a bid for the same at 15 Taka per share. NSE has informed SEBI that while the consortium has not received any formal communication from DSE, the Bangladesh media has reported that the bid submitted by a consortium of two Chinese exchanges namely, Shanghai and Shenzhen exchanges, has been accepted by DSE's Board, being the highest bid at 22 Taka per share along with an amount of Taka 3 billion given to DSE for investment in technology although it is understood that the selection, if any, would be subject to approval of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

(c) : Some news to this effect was reported in the Bangladesh media.
