

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1616**

**ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016 AGRAHAYANA 4, 1938 (SAKA)**

**PROTECTION OF SMALL INVESTORS**

**QUESTION**

**1616. SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:**

**Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government launched schemes/projects for the awareness and protection of the small Investors particularly in small cities and towns and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised during the last three years under the said schemes/projects and the benefits accrued to the investors as a result thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)**

कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(श्री अर्जुन राम मेघवाल)

- (a). The Ministry of Corporate Affairs organizes Investors Awareness Programmes (IAPs) in association with the three Professional Institutes, namely Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India, Institute of Cost Accountants of India and Common Service Centres (CSC) set up under Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY), both in urban and rural areas, with the objective of creating awareness amongst the investors facilitating informed investment decisions. Special emphasis is laid on the education about fraudulent schemes. These programmes are conducted in Hindi, English and other vernacular/local languages, depending upon the target audience.
- (b). The details of the amount allocated and utilized under Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) during each of the last three years are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funds allocated (Rs. in Crore)</b>	<b>Funds utilized (Rs. in Crore)</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>4.38</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>2.84</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>4.40</b>

The investor awareness programmes, the multilingual media campaign, the printed material and the content available in the website [www.iepf.gov.in](http://www.iepf.gov.in) has brought large scale awareness amongst the investors so as to make decision about investments more prudently.

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