GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4021

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY THE 9TH DECEMBER, 2016 AGRAHAYANA 18, 1938 (SAKA)

WIDENING OF TAXATION SYSTEM

4021. SHRI SULTAN AHMED:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Indirect Tax System envisaging taxation of products/services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of population in India under tax net and percentage of it actually paying taxes;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal/ measures to bring everyone under the tax net; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The Constitution has been amended by the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016] empowering the Parliament and the Legislature of every State to make laws with respect to Goods & Service Tax imposed by the Union or by such State.

The proposed goods and services tax will replace a number of indirect taxes being levied by the Union or the State Governments and remove multiplicity and cascading taxes and result in a common national market for goods and services.

- (c) & (d): The burden of Indirect Taxes, which are in the nature of a consumption tax, is borne by consumers who consume goods & services.
- (e): Does not arise in view of reply to (c) and (d) above.
