

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4848**

TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 16, 2016 / AGRAHAYANA 25, 1938 (SAKA)

**EASE OF LIVING INDEX**

4848: **SHRI HUKUM SINGH**

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank Group has brought out an ease of living index that rank cities globally and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is criticism regarding the World Bank Doing Business Report this year ranking India a lowly 130<sup>th</sup> position despite several reforms being carried out by the Government;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

**(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)**

(a) No, Madam.

(b) to (d) India ranks 130<sup>th</sup> in the World Bank's annual *Doing Business Report (DBR) 2017* as against 131<sup>st</sup> rank (Revised) in the *Doing Business Report 2016*. The World Bank's annual Doing Business Report (DBR) 2017 is based on the Global Best practice on 10 (ten) specified indicators namely starting a business, dealing with construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, and resolving insolvency.

Government has urged the Ministries/Departments to analyse the World Bank's latest report on Ease of Doing Business. Ministries/Departments concerned have been provided with the next set of reforms and have been asked to identify additional areas related to the Ministry/Department where reforms and corrective measures need to be taken to ensure time bound and effective implementation of reforms.

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