#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA

## **STARRED QUESTION NO.\*334**

# TO BE ANSWERED ONTHE 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 / Chaitra 3, 1939, (SAKA)

## VOTING BY INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

## **QUESTION**

#### \*334. SHRI B.VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Financial Stability and Development Council has proposed that a panel of financial regulators be formed to decide rules on voting by institutional investors on company matters;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon; and

(c) whether any Committee has been formed to formulate guidelines on Stewardship Code and if so, the details thereof along with the present status thereof?

## ANSWER MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

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

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## STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOKSABHA STARRED OUESTION NO.334 FOR 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH. 2017 ASKED BY SH. B.VINOD KUMAR REGARDING VOTING BY INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

(a)to (c) : The Financial Stability and Development Council - Sub Committee (FSDC-SC) in its meeting held on April 26, 2016 discussed an agenda on 'Stewardship Code' proposed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and advised that a Committee may be formed by SEBI with representation from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) to formulate a policy in this regard. The Committee is also mandated to examine implementation of various Stewardship principles, which include among other things, a policy on voting and disclosures on voting activity by institutional investors.