GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1002 ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 21ST JULY, 2017 [ASHADHA 30, 1939 (SAKA)]

ACTION ON SHELL COMPANIES

QUESTION

1002. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has cancelled the registration of shell companies with no proper business or with fake addresses in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of such shell companies whose registration got removed, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether these shell companies are mostly connected with wholesale trading and real estate business and are used for converting black money into white and the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is taking any action against these companies and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL) MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(a) to (d): The term Shell Company is not defined under the Companies Act. However, the Registrars of Companies (ROCs) have removed 1,62,618 companies from the register of companies as of 12.07.2017 after following the due process under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 as detailed in Annexure-1 maintained by the Ministry as per the respective ROCs.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1002 FOR ANSWER IN LOK SABHA ON 21.07.2017.

<u>Details of Companies Struck off, maintained by the Ministry, as per</u> Registrar of Companies in different State/UT as of 12.07.2017

| SI. No. | Name of Registrar of | Number of companies struck |
|---------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| | Companies | off |
| 01. | Mumbai | 33000 |
| 02. | Delhi | 22863 |
| 03. | Bangalore | 11286 |
| 04. | Pune | 10083 |
| 05. | Bilaspur | 906 |
| 06. | Chandigarh | 4381 |
| 07. | Cuttack | 1824 |
| 08. | Goa | 1802 |
| 09. | Jammu | 679 |
| 10. | Ranchi | 641 |
| 11. | Puducherry | 405 |
| 12. | Shillong | 249 |
| 13. | Coimbatore | 3916 |
| 14. | Gwalior | 4655 |
| 15. | Jaipur | 5177 |
| 16. | Ahmedabad | 9625 |
| 17. | Bihar | 1543 |
| 18. | Ernakulum | 4063 |
| 19. | Himachal | 754 |
| 20. | Kanpur | 3236 |
| 21. | Uttara Khand | 731 |
| 22. | Kolkata | 8078 |
| 23. | Chennai | 12133 |
| 24. | Hyderabad | 20588 |
| | Total | 1,62,618 |
