GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1854 ANSWERED ON FRIDAY THE 29th DECEMBER, 2017 PAUSHA 08, 1939 (SAKA)

RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANTS UNDER CSR

QUESTION

1854. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether various companies of infrastructure manufacturing sector are implementing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government proposes to enact a law making these companies to install renewable energy plants under CSR and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

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- (a): Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('The Act') requires every company, including infrastructure and manufacturing sectors companies, above the specified threshold to spend at least two per cent of the average net profits earned during three immediate preceding financial years on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Details of year-wise CSR expenditure, aggregated on the basis of main/primary activity of the company is not maintained in the MCA21 registry and has not been separately compiled.
- (b): Schedule VII of the Act enlists the activities that can be undertaken by the companies under their CSR policies. Installing renewable energy

plants can be taken up under the heads like ensuring environmental sustainability or ecological balance or conservation of natural resources under item no. (iv) of the Schedule VII.
