GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2042 ANSWERED ON FRIDAY THE 29th DECEMBER, 2017 PAUSHA 08, 1939 (SAKA)

CSR PROJECTS

QUESTION

2042. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether a large number of companies do not assign reasons in their report for not spending the stipulated percentage of their profits on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

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(श्री पी. पी. चौधरी)

(a) & (b): As per the provisions of section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act'), the companies, which have, inter-alia, not made the prescribed expenditure and not disclosed the reasons for not spending are liable for penal action. On the basis of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) disclosures made by the companies, Registrar of Companies (RoCs), after due scrutiny issued show-cause notices to 1018 defaulting companies for non - compliance of provisions of section 135 read with section 134(3)(o) of the Act, for the financial year 2014-15. Thereafter, based on the reports submitted by the Regional Director(s) / RoCs, the Ministry has, as on date, accorded permission for initiating penal action under section 134(8) of the Act, for non-compliance of provisions of the aforesaid Sections against 196 companies.
