GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6457 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL 2018/16TH CHAITRA SAKA, 1940

Impact of Demonetisation and GST

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QUESTION

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has tried to assess the impact of demonetisation and introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any committee has been constituted for the above said purpose and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): Overall economic growth of the Indian economy is dependent on many factors that, inter alia, include the rate of capital formation and savings, utilization of technology, availability of infrastructure, efficiency of resource allocation, quality of institutions, governance and the policy framework in place, money supply and degree of financial development. It is hence difficult to assess exclusive impact of demonetisation and GST on the economy.

However, the Economic Survey 2017-18 indicated that implementation of GST and demonetisation led to increase in number of new taxpayers, and increase in voluntary registrations. The Survey also indicated that over the medium run, the implementation of the GST, follow-up to demonetisation, and enacting other structural reforms should take the economy towards its potential real GDP growth of 8 percent to 10 percent.

(c): No, Madam.