GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2195

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 / AGRAHAYANA 11, 1941(SAKA)

CONCESSIONS FOR VARIOUS SECTORS

2195: SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has announced to provide concession/rebate to many other sectors including auto sector and Corporate Social Responsibility in July 2019 with a view to boost economy of the country;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the details of benefits achieved through the said concession/rebate given by the Government, sector-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (FINANCE) (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Government has taken several steps to boost the economy in August/September 2019 which include measures to boost exports, housing sector, merger of public sector banks, reduction of corporate tax rate to 22% from 30% for existing companies, and to 15% from 25% for new manufacturing companies and treating CSR violations as a civil liability instead of a criminal offence under Companies Act. In order to boost the auto industry, the Government has announced additional depreciation of 15% on motor cars, motor buses, motor lorries and motor taxies. The said incentives shall be available on the motor cars, motor buses, motor Lorries and motor taxies acquired on or after 23.08.2019 which have been put to use before 01.04.2020. The rate of depreciation on motor cars (other than those used in the business of running them on hire) acquired on or after 23.08.2019 and which have been put to use before 01.04.2020 has been modified to 30%. Similarly, rate of depreciation on motor buses, motor lorries and motor taxies of running them on hire, acquired on or after 23.08.2019 and which have been put to use before 01.04.2020 has been modified to 45%. Further, the ban on purchase of new vehicles by Ministries/Departments has also been lifted. The benefits of the recent steps taken by the Government will accrue over a period of time.
