### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3519 ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2020 PHALGUNA 26, 1941 (SAKA)

#### **NAP-BHR ZERO DRAFT**

#### QUESTION

3519. SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

**SHRI SELVAM G.:** 

SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

**SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:** 

**SHRI SOYAM BAPU RAO:** 

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

**Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS** 

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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has started the process of formulating a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAP-BHR) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any stakeholders consultations on the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights Zero Draft (NAP-BHR Zero Draft) since its release in February, 2019 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has entrusted with UNDP or any other agency to conduct a series of consultations to bring inputs to the Zero draft;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such consultations done by such agencies; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to adopt the NAP on BHR?

#### **ANSWER**

## THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

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(a) to (e): The Ministry of Corporate Affairs is formulating the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAP). The National Voluntary Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business, 2011 have been revised and released as National Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct to align with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights (UNGPs), and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A Zero Draft of the NAP has been formulated after wide stakeholder consultations. Presently, the Ministry is undertaking consultations with Business Chambers, Civil Society Organisations, Central Line Ministries and State Governments for finalizing the NAP. Further, comments and inputs have also been sought from the general public. Various organisations working in the field of Business & Human Rights are known to be undertaking consultations to provide inputs to the Ministry.

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