

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4761
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 23RD MARCH, 2020/CHAITRA 3, 1942(SAKA)

NATIONAL SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE AND GANDHIPEDIA

QUESTION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any follow up action has been taken on the creation of 'National Social Stock Exchange' and 'Gandhipedia' announced in Budget 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) Yes Sir

(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India has constituted a Working Group on Social Stock Exchange under the chairmanship of Shri Ishaat Hussain on September 19, 2019. The working group consists of representatives from Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and representatives of the stakeholders active in the space of social welfare, social impact investing, the exchanges, and NGOs. The working group is examining and shall make recommendations with respect to possible structures and mechanisms, within the securities market domain, to facilitate raising of funds by social enterprises and voluntary organizations.

'Gandhipedia', a Five year project for one-stop AI-enabled portal for browsing Gandhian Literature, Life-events and social network of Gandhiji has been developed by IIT Kharagpur and IIT Gandhinagar. Ten volumes of Collected Works of Mahatama Gandhi (CWMG) have been digitised using OCR++ technology and uploaded in the portal. The social networks comprising names of persons, places at different timelines have been established and uploaded.

(c) Not Applicable
