

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 84

ANSWERED ON MONDAY, July 18, 2022/ Ashadha 27, 1944 (SAKA)

SHELL COMPANIES

QUESTION

84. MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has developed any smart mechanism to identify shell companies in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the details of the action taken against such shell companies during the last three years and the current year so far, State/ UT-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

[RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

- (a) to (d): There is no definition of the term “Shell Company” in the Companies Act,2013(the Act). It normally refers to a company without active business operation or significant assets, which in some cases are used for illegal purposes such as tax evasion, money laundering, obscuring ownership, benami properties etc. The Government has undertaken a Special Drive for identification and strike off Shell Companies.**

Total Number of companies struck off u/s 248(1) of the Act, during last three years and current year (from 01.04.2019 to 12.07.2022) State/Union Territory-wise is as under:

Name of State /UT	Number of struck off Companies
Andaman & Nicobar	49
Andhra Pradesh	2,232
Arunachal Pradesh	42
Assam	646
Bihar	2,546
Chandigarh	673
Chattisgarh	318
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	24
Daman and Diu	14
Delhi	19,464
Goa	405
Gujarat	6,142
Haryana	3,875
Himachal Pradesh	434
Jammu & Kashmir	262
Jharkhand	677
Karnataka	6,111
Kerala	6,199
Lakshadweep	3
Madhya Pradesh	2,374
Maharashtra	16,023
Manipur	53
Meghalaya	75
Mizoram	10
Nagaland	44
Orissa	876
Pondicherry	169
Punjab	1,352
Rajasthan	4,442
Tamil Nadu	6,989
Telangana	5,332
Tripura	52
Uttar Pradesh	12,823
Uttarakhand	735
West Bengal	11,044
Total	1,12,509
