GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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USE OF IEPF FUND FOR CSR ACTIVITIES

QUESTION

3347. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the unclaimed dividend, interest on bonds and other unclaimed investments are estimated to be about Rs. 5,500 crores at the end of 2022-23 and if so, the current status thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that this money has been tripled during the last 5-6 years in the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF); and
- (c) if so, whether the Government is planning to spend this money for the welfare programmes or CSR activities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(HARSH MALHOTRA)

- (a) & (b): At the end of Financial Year (FY) 2022-23, the unclaimed dividend, interest on bonds and other unclaimed investments with Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) was ₹ 5,714.51 crores. Further, the unclaimed amount in the IEPF at the end of FY 2023-24 is ₹ 8237.20 crores (unaudited figure). The unclaimed amount in IEPF in FY 2019-20 was ₹4310.36 Cr.
- (c): There is no provision under the Companies Act, 2013 to spend the amount from the IEPF on welfare programmes or CSR activities. The amount under IEPF is utilised for all the purposes mentioned in Section 125(3) of the Companies Act, 2013.
