## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1379 ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014/ ASHADHA 27, 1936 (SAKA)

## AMENDMENT IN COMPANIES ACT, 1956 QUESTION

1379. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV: SHRI C. N. JAYADEVEN: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to amend/revise the Companies Act, 1956;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c)whether the Government has held discussions with the representatives of the corporate sector and other stakeholders in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the outcome of the discussions held and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the new Companies Act?

## ANSWER

## THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

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(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) (श्री अरुण जेटली)

(a) to (e):- A little more than a half of the provisions of Companies Act 2013 came into force from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014. Following this, several communications were received in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs drawing attention to certain practical difficulties concerning these provisions or seeking clarifications about the same. To facilitate understanding the difficulties and to explain the provisions an interactive session was held under the aegis of the National Foundation of Corporate Governance at New Delhi on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014. Following exchange of views a number of points got resolved. Points have also been identified for elaboration through orders under Section 470 of the Act relating to removal of difficulties, amendments in certain Rules and through issue of clarificatory circulars and suitable exemptions. Four draft Notifications under section 462 of the Act have been tabled in Parliament for a month. Circulars have already been issued to provide greater clarity. The question of amending the Act would be considered in case the above measures prove insufficient.

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