GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3087 ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 29™ AUGUST, 2013 [BHADRAPADA 7, 1935 (SAKA)]

LEGALISING LOBBYING

QUESTION

3087. SHRI AVTAR SINGH BHADANA:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering legalising 'lobbying' in India for more transparency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that US-based companies in India including Walmart are engaged in lobbying;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the outcome of the inquiry by Justice Mudgal into the unethical practices of Walmart; and
- (f) the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a) to (f) The report of the Committee appointed to go into media reports on disclosure of Wal-Mart before the US senate regarding its lobbying activities and whether it undertook any activity in India in contravention of any Indian Law, has been received and is under examination in consultation with the Ministries concerned.

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