GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1221 ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 12TH DECEMBER, 2013 [AGRAHAYANA 21, 1935 (SAKA)]

UNCLAIMED INVESTOR FUNDS

1221. SHRI K. SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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- (a) the details of the assessment made by the Government regarding quantum of unclaimed investor funds at the end of the financial year 2013;
- (b) whether the Government has identified the companies that have such unclaimed funds but have not disclosed it to the Registrar of Companies (RoC);
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the unclaimed investor funds are ultimately transferred to Investor Education & Protection Fund but in the absence of deterrent penalty clauses many companies transfer such unclaimed funds to their balance sheet; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

(श्री सचिन पायलट)

(a) to (e): Under Section 205C of the Companies Act, 1956, companies are required to transfer such amounts as have remained unclaimed and unpaid with them on account of dividends, matured deposits and debentures, for a period of seven years from the date that they became due for payment, to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF). An amount of \square 693.37 crore has been credited to the IEPF, which forms part of the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI), for the period 2001-02 to 2012-13. No instance of a company transferring such unclaimed funds to its balance sheet has so far come to the notice of the Government.
