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Information on important developments relating to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs during the month of October, 2011 is as under:

(i) Companies Bill, 2009:

This Ministry had, on 2nd September, 2011, forwarded the Cabinet Note on Companies Bill, 2011 (alongwith proposed Companies Bill, 2011) to the Cabinet Secretariat. This Bill was considered by the Cabinet on 25th October, 2011 and it was decided that certain issues relating to Corporate Social Responsibility, the possibility of anomalies in a few aspects of the Bill such as role of the Securities and Exchange Board of India and the interests of the Income Tax Department needed to be further discussed between the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Corporate Affairs, the Minister of Law and Justice and Minority Affairs and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and thereafter the revised proposal be brought for consideration of the Cabinet within two weeks time.

Discussions were accordingly held with the Secretaries and officers of the Departments concerned, the Planning Commission. Certain minor amendments have been proposed based on the discussions. These have been approved by the respective Ministers and the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. A proposal to incorporate these amendments has already been sent in the form of a supplementary Cabinet Note. On the advice of Cabinet Secretariat these are also being formally vetted by the Ministry of Law.

(ii) MCA21 e-governance:

(a) Successful 'Peak filing': October and November are two crucial months when most of the companies submit their Balance Sheets and Annual Returns

electronically on MCA21 portal (Bulk of this filing happens in last few days of the month) as required by law. Last year, the portal received 7.6. lakh filings in

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October. Due to 'Diwali' there was an unprecedented rush after the festival in the last few days of October. The Ministry took several steps to ensure smooth conduct of filing and to prevent systematic glitches due to phenomenal congestion during this period. The steps included, augmentation of computing infrastructure, systemic improvements as well as launching extensive awareness campaign through various media to stagger filing - newspapers, websites of Ministry and Professional Institutes, journals by trade and industry chambers, etc.

The ultimate figure of filing turned out to be more than 9 lakh this October without any hindrance which is 20% higher than last year. 20th of October recorded the highest ever filing of 70,869 on any single day. Higher filings imply better regulatory compliance and increased revenue for Government. Similar arrangements have been put in place to ensure smooth filing in the month of November.

(b) Introduction of Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): Filing of Balance Sheets and Profit and Loss accounts by larger companies with specified threshold limits (about 30,000 in number) in XBRL format for the financial year ending 31st March 2011 has been made compulsory. The system has been put in place for enabling filing in XBRL format with effect from 6th October 2011. More than 250 companies have already filed their financial statements using XBRL document. As last day for such filings has been allowed upto 60 days of the due date (viz. effectively upto 30th December), higher filings are expected in the ensuing months. XBRL filing will ensure improved data accuracy and enable sophisticated technical analysis by the regulators.

(c) Opening of Corporate Bank Account: As an added facility for corporates under MCA21, opening of Corporate Bank A/c has been enabled for companies registered with Registrar of Companies (ROCs). This has been introduced w.e.f. 16th October, 2011.

(iii) Expression of Interest for MCA21 Phase-2:

In preparation of operation of Phase-2 program of MCA21 beyond January 2013, the Ministry has issued Expression of Interest inviting interested IT service providers for stage-2 selection process. It is expected that a good number of IT companies may response to the Expression of Interest.

(iv) Company Law Settlement Scheme 2011:

This was introduced in August 2011 to give a chance to companies failing to file to compete such filings to avoid prosecution. This measure has elicited a

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good response and so far about 1 lakh documents have been filed yielding a revenue of Rs. 12 crore. Keeping in view the good response, the scheme has been extended upto December 15, 2011.

(v) Competition Commission of India:

Shri Ashok Chawla has joined as Chairperson, Competition Commission of India on 20th October, 2011, while Justice (Retired) Shiv Narayan Dhingra had joined as Member of the Commission on 18th October, 2011.

(vi) Investor Awareness Activities:

50 Investor Awareness Programmes were conducted during the month of October, 2011 through the Professional Institutes bringing the total number of programmes conducted during the year so far to 388.

Last year, the Ministry had organized major investor awareness events in five metro cities with one business chamber as the lead organization in each event. Hon'ble Corporate Affairs Minister took a meeting with the Business Chambers, Stock Exchanges and Professional Institutes to finalise the programme of organizing Investor Meet at select locations viz. Bangalore, Mumbai, Indore, Vizag, Chandigarh, Baroda, Guwahati and Delhi, with one Business Chamber as the lead organization for each location. The theme of India Investor Meet will be "Investor Awareness—A Key to Corporate Growth". The Meets will be organized in the months of December and January.

(vii) India Corporate Week:

This event seeks to bring together the corporate sector and professionals and other stakeholders along with the Government on a single platform to deliberate on specific issues. Hon'ble Minister took a meeting with the Business Chambers, Stock Exchanges and Professional Institutes to finalise the programme for holding India Corporate Week, 2011. The theme of India Corporate Week, 2011 would be "Growth, Governance and Inclusion". It is proposed to organize the India Corporate Week at Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai

and Kolkata with one Business Chamber as the lead organization for each location. The India Corporate Week will culminate with organizing a national event at Delhi which shall be organized by Ministry. The India Corporate Week is proposed to be held in January-February, 2012.

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(viii) International Cooperation:

Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Hon'ble Minister for Corporate Affairs visited Dubai as a Chief Guest at the Inauguration of ITT Lab on October 1, 2011 and also addressed the members of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in the Conference of UAE (Dubai) Chapter of ICAI held on Sunday the 2nd October, 2011 at Dubai.

3. On other key items, the information is as below:-

- (i) MCA is taking special steps to promote export of professional services.
- (ii) No decisions taken by the Cabinet / Cabinet Committees are pending for implementation.
- (iii) No case has come to the notice of the Ministry wherein any deviation or departure from the transaction of business rules or established policy of the Government has been noticed.

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