

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1948
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 13TH MARCH, 2018**

**SELECTION OF WORKS RELATING TO PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER CSR
ACTIVITIES**

QUESTION

1948. DR. VIKAS MAHATME :

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the activities covered under the policy on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR);
- (b) whether any provision has been made for those companies to work under the CSR in the same area where they are situated and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the norms being adopted for the selection of works related to public interest at local level; and
- (d) whether the suggestion of the local public representative should not be given priority for the works?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE
AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') enlists the activities that can be undertaken by the companies under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The first proviso to section 135 (5) of the Act reads "the company shall give preference to the local area and areas around it where it operates, for spending the amount earmarked for CSR activities". The Board of the company and its CSR Committee is empowered to select programmes / projects / activities to be undertaken and utilization of CSR funds as per its disclosed CSR policy.
