

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1949  
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION OF SHELL COMPANIES**

**QUESTION**

1949. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has cancelled registration of several shell companies recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether there are any companies promoted by Nirav Modi groups in those shell companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, why Government could not recognise these shell companies?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE  
AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. P. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The term "Shell Company" is not defined under the Companies Act, 2013. However, Section 248(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 (the 'Act') provides for removal of name of company from the register of companies if it is not carrying on any business or operation for a period of 2 (two) immediately preceding financial years and has not made any application within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under Section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013. Based on the above mentioned provision, 2.97 lakh companies were identified under this category as on 31.03.2017 and after following due process, names of 2,26,166 companies were struck off from the register of companies as on 31.12.2017. State-wise details of such struck off companies are at Annexure-A.

(c) & (d): None of the Companies promoted by Nirav Modi group figured in the list of aforesaid 2,26,166 companies because the companies promoted by this group did not come within the purview of Section 248 (1) (c) of the Act, under which the aforesaid companies were struck off.

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**Annexure-A**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (b) OF THE UNSTARRED  
QUESTION NO. 1949 FOR ANSWER IN RAJYA SABHA ON 13.03.2018**

**Details of States/Union Territories (UTs)-wise companies removed from the register of  
companies as on 31.12.2017 are as under:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of States &amp; Union Territories (UTs)</b>	<b>Number of companies removed from the register of companies</b>
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	76
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3633
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	14
4.	Assam	172
5.	Bihar	1557
6.	Chandigarh	1453
7.	Chhattisgarh	906
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	46
9.	Daman and Diu	13
10.	Delhi	43925
11.	Goa	1744
12.	Gujarat	11389
13.	Haryana	3882
14.	Himachal Pradesh	754
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	1394
16.	Jharkhand	636
17.	Karnataka	18165
18.	Kerala	4059
19.	Lakshadweep	3
20.	Madhya Pradesh	4702
21.	Maharashtra	59849
22.	Manipur	9
23.	Meghalaya	30
24.	Mizoram	2
25.	Nagaland	6
26.	Orissa	1824
27.	Pondicherry	571
28.	Punjab	2928
29.	Rajasthan	5178
30.	Tamil Nadu	24723
31.	Telangana	16817
32.	Tripura	14
33.	Uttar Pradesh	6822
34.	Uttarakhand	792
35.	West Bengal	8078
	<b>Total</b>	<b>226166</b>

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