GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1420 ANSWERED ON:08.03.2002 EXEMPTION TO COMPANIES INSTITUTIONS SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether several companies are being given income tax exemption;

(b) if so, the name of such companies alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some of the above companies are involved in fraud cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to withdraw the income tax exemption being given to such companies and various religious institutions and other action taken against them; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Several companies are granted exemption from Income Tax subject to fulfillment of prescribed conditions under various provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961

(b): No centralized information is maintained in Central Board of Direct Taxes regarding the exempted companies.

(c), (d), (e) & (f): Exemptions under the Income Tax Act, 1961 are allowed to fulfilment of prescribed conditions including certification from the Chartered Accountants regarding the correctness of the claim. Any company/religious institution indulging in irregular practices/fraud vis-a-vis the Income Tax Act, 1961 forfeits its exemption under the Income Tax Act, 1961.