

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

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CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2005 released by the Transparency International recently, India's score improved from 2.8 last year to 2.9 in 2004 as reported in The Hindustan Times dated October, 19, 2005;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;
- (c) whether the confidence range for the corporate world in India is less than that of many countries rated below India;
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve confidence in the corporate sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir, as reported by The Hindustan Times dated 19th October, 2005 the Corruption Perception Index, 2005 released by Transparency International has shown that the position of India has improved as compared to the last year.
- (c) & (d): A Private study by Transparency International has found that confidence level of corporate world for India is less than many other countries due to perception of high level of corruption in some of the states.
- (e): The Government is fully alive to the need for improving confidence in the corporate sector. For this various anti-corruption measures have been taken like formulating and implementing effective anti-corruption polices and practices; constituting preventive anti-corruption bodies (CVC/CBI); establishing systems based on transparency, competition and objective criteria in public procurement and management of public finances; and enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005 enhancing public access to information.