

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3158

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LISTING OF GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANIES

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has put on hold its plan to list four State-run general insurance companies operating in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the dividend generated by these companies and paid to the Government during each of the last three years, company-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has issued any directions to these companies to restructure their loss making portfolios, improve their claim management and avoid pricing warfare among the State-run firms and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which these companies are likely to be listed?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a), (b) & (e): There is no proposal before the Government to list the public sector general insurance companies

(c): The dividend generated and paid to the Government during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Company	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
National Ins. Co. Ltd.	43.98	Nil	Nil
New India Assu. Co. Ltd	85.00	Nil	40.00
Oriental Ins. Co. Ltd.	Nil	Nil	50.67
United India Ins. Co Ltd.	142.00	30.00	78.00

(d): All the four Non-life Public Sector Insurance Companies have been incurring underwriting losses over a period of time. It has, therefore, been felt necessary to contain the losses to improve their financial health so that they continue to serve in the best interests of the public and economy as envisioned of them. Advisory instructions have been issued to them to achieve this objective through prudent underwriting and efficient claims management.