GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CORPORATE AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2163 ANSWERED ON:22.08.2013 CCI Krishnaswamy Shri M.

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any initiatives to rationalise the working of Competition Commission of India to make transparent guidelines for fine/penalty keeping in view the different tier slabs; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present position thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (SHRI SACHIN PILOT) (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(a) & (b) Competition Commission of India is a statutory body constituted under the Competition Act, 2002. Government discharges such role as is assigned to it under the said Act. Power to levy penalty is vested in the Commission under Section 27(b) of the Act. The said section authorizes the Commission to levy penalty of upto 10% of the average turnover of the last three preceding years for abuse of dominant position and anti-competitive agreements. Section 46, however, authorizes the Commission to impose lesser penalty. To effectuate the power of Section 46, the Commission has framed Competition Commission of India (Lesser Penalty) Regulations, 2009.