

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CORPORATE AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2244
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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
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Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of private sector companies trying to evade Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) on one pretext or the other;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the donations made under the CSR including donations for Swachh Bharat and Clean Ganga are eligible for tax exemptions, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up ancillary fund in countries having sizeable population of Migrant Indians with regard to contribution to Swachh Bharat and Clean Ganga, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether such donations would be eligible for tax exemptions under CSR; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) and (b): The provisions of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder, have come into force from 01.04.2014. This is the first year of implementation of CSR by companies under the Act. Information on compliance by companies in this regard will be available only after statutory Annual Returns on CSR are filed by Companies including private sector companies, which are due after September, 2015.
- (c): While no specific tax exemption has been extended to expenditure incurred on CSR, expenditure on several activities like contributions to Prime Minister's Relief Fund, scientific research, rural development projects, skill development projects etc., which find place in Schedule VII to the Act, already enjoy such exemptions under the Income Tax Act, 1961. As regards contribution made by companies under CSR towards Swachh Bharat and Clean Ganga, no specific tax exemption has so far been made.
- (d) to (f): No Madam. Does not arise.