GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS LOK SABHA

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CASES OF BRIBERY
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any investigation about incidents of bribery in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether there is no stringent law against bribery as a result of which employees guilty of taking bribe are acquitted easily and they continue in their job; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard along with the corrective steps taken by the Government?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office. (DR. JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Investigations of incidents of bribery in the country are undertaken by the various investigating agencies at the Centre and in the States, namely, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the State Police, State Anti Corruption Bureaus, State Lokayuktas and others.

In so far as the CBI is concerned, it has registered a total number of 663 trap cases related to bribery during the last three years, i.e. 2012, 2013, 2014 and the current year (upto 31.01.2015). The year-wise break-up of these cases is as under:-

Year Number of cases
2012 213
2013 224
2014 213
2015 13
(upto

31.01. 2015)

The details of these cases are at Annexure.

- (c) &(d): Tackling corruption in general, and the aspect of bribery in particular, requires an integrated approach. The legislative framework is only one component of the anti-corruption mechanisms to tackle bribery. It is the endeavour of the Government to further strengthen its anti-corruption laws and other mechanisms to check bribery. Some of the steps taken by the Government in this direction are:-
- i. Enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005;
- ii. Enactment of Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013;
- iii. Amendment of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988;
- iv. Issue of instructions by CVC asking the organisations to adopt 'Integrity Pact' in major Government procurement activities. State Governments have also been advised to adopt 'Integrity Pact' in major procurements;
- v. Introduction of e-Governance and simplification of procedures;
- vi. Placing of details of immovable property returns of all members of the All India Services, in public domain;

- vii. Setting up of additional 'Special Courts' exclusively for trial of CBI cases in different States;
- viii. Introduction of induction training for Central Secretariat staff with emphasis on ethics and exposure to organisation of excellence.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT INDICATING YEAR-WISE BREAK-UP OF CASES RELATED TO BRIBERY REGISTERED BY CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (CBI) DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS, i.e. 2012, 2013, 2014 AND THE CURRENT YEAR (UPTO 31.01.2015)

Year Trap Under Under Closed/ cases investigation Trial Other-wise disposed off

2012 213 2 180 4 2013 224 4 198 9 2014 213 39 167 4 2015 13 13 0 0 (31. 01.15) Total 663 58 545 17