

etc. Measures are also being undertaken to facilitate fiscal consolidation. The steps recently outlined include reduction in the subsidy on diesel, announcement of disinvestment in certain PSUs and measures to strengthen the investment climate (setting up of a Cabinet Committee on Investment and liberalization of FDI in multi-brand retail, aviation, broadcasting). These are expected to revive market confidence and restore growth momentum.

Year-wise and country-wise details of transferred amount

3018. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some amount of money have been transferred to tax havens in the form of foreign currency;

(b) if so, the details of amount transferred during the last three years along with the names of tax havens year-wise and country-wise;

(c) whether the said facts have surfaced in a statutory audit report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No such data is centrally maintained in the Ministry.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Universal Health Insurance Coverage

3019. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether aiming Universal Health Insurance Coverage, Government is considering a proposal to give greater weightage to the Insurance Sector in its financial inclusion programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy will focus on promoting insurance companies to sell more products like health, auto, crop, home and fire segments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for universalisation of Health Insurance coverage in the country. However the Government has launched the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) on 01.10.2007, to provide smart card based cashless Health Insurance; including maternity benefit, cover of Rs. 30,000/- per annum on family floater basis to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. The scheme became operational from 01.04.2008 and is presently being implemented in 26 States/Union Territories. More than 3.31 crore cards have been issued as on 30.11.2012. It is the endeavor of the Government to extend Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to all unorganized workers in a phased manner.

(c) and (d) The Public Sector General Insurance Companies (PSGIC) have presence in all the major towns of the country. Keeping in view the huge untapped rural market they have decided to increase their reach up to tier IV towns. This would help not only in spreading the advantages of Insurance to the rural masses but would also help in marketing Micro Insurance products. This would help in furthering the Financial Inclusion initiatives in the country.

Investment of NPS funds by NSDL

3020. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether companies in which funds of New Pension System (NPS) has been invested by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) have protested against Government's proposal for assured returns on contributory fund invested by employees under NPS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of Government thereto;

(d) in what manner Government would secure assured returns for pensioners under NPS; and

(e) the percentage of ensured return Government would give to employees under NPS, particularly Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No, Sir. The National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)