Investigation of Bharti Walmart by RBI and ED

[30 April, 2013]

3742. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH:

SHRI SALIM ANSARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) are investigating the charges relating to violation of RBI guidelines on FDI and money laundering by Bharti-Walmart;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government would keep in abeyance the permission to Walmart-Bharti till all enquiries by various agencies are completed; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) On the basis of a reference received from Reserve Bank of India, Directorate of Enforcement has taken appropriate action to investigate alleged contravention of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 by Bharti-Walmart.

- (c) Government has not received any proposal for FDI in multi brand retailing.
 - (d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Women SHG Development Fund

3743. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that women's Self Help Group (SHG) Development Fund is created by Government;
 - (b) if so, the objectives thereof;
- (c) the amount earmarked for the Fund in the budget for the last three years; and
- (d) the number of beneficiaries who utilized the fund till date, State-wise, SHGs-wise, district-wise?

Unstarred Questions

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government has created a fund called "Women SHGs Development Fund".

The objective of the fund is to empower women and promote their Self Help Groups (SHGs). The Women SHGs Development Fund is focussed on promotion and credit linkage of women SHGs in backward regions where the progress of SHG Bank Linkage is slow. The programme is being implemented in 150 identified backward districts including Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts. The fund is being operated by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

(c) and (d) The fund was established in the year 2011-12, with a corpus of Rs.500 crore. An amount of Rs.100 crore has so far been released from the fund. NABARD has reported that as on 31.03.2013 about 50001 SHGs have been formed across the country. State-wise and district-wise position of the SHGs formed under the scheme as reported by NABARD is given in the Statement.

Statement State-wise and District-wise position of the Women SHGs saving linked under the Women Self Help Group (WSHG) Programme as on 31 March, 2013

Sl. No.	State	District	No. of SHGs Savings linked
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	Adilabad	296
		Anantpur	258
		East Godavari	383
		Guntur	781
		Kanmnagar	643
		Khammam	320
		Kurnool	408
		Medak	539
		Mehboobnagar	798

1	2	3	4
		Nalgonda	832
		Nizamabad	555
		Prakasam	582
		Srikakulam	852
		Visakapatnam	423
		Vizianagaram	481
		Warangal	658
	Andhra Pradesh Тот	AL	8809
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Dibang Valley	19
		West Siang	0
	Arunachal Pradesh T	COTAL	19
3	Assam	North Cachar Hills (Dima Hasao)	122
		Dhemaji	116
		Karbi Angling	12
		Kokrajhar	0
	Assam Total		250
4	Bihar	Vaishali	540
		Arwal	
		Aurangabad	
		Bhojpur	
		East Champaran	
		Gaya	1405

62 Wri	tten Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions
1	2	3	4
		Jehanabad	
		Kaimur	
		Munger	
		Nalanda	1710
		Nawada	
		Patna	
		Rohtas	
		Sitamarhi	
		West Champaran	
	Bihar Total		3655
5	Chhattisgarh	Bastar	62
		Bijapur	107
		Dantewada	140
		Jashpur	260
		Kanker	12
		Korea (Baikunthpur)	8
		Narayanpur	
		Rajnand gaon	729
		Sarguja	
		Kwardha	156
4	Chhattisgarh Тотаг		1474
6	Dadra and Nagar	Dadra Nagar Haveli	141
7	Gujarat	Dangs	257
		Dahod	230
	Gujarat Total		628

1	2	3	4
8	Goa	North Goa	186
	Goa Total		186
9	Haryana	Mewat	654
		Sirsa	
	Haryana Total		654
10	Himachal Pradesh	Simour	179
		Mandi	59
	Himachal Pradesh To	TAL	238
11	Jammu and Kashmir	Doda	271
		Kupwara	16
		Poonch	94
	Jammu and Kashmir Total		381
12	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	782
		Bokaro	740
		Chhatra	512
		Dhanbad	475
		East Singhbhum	447
		Garwah	316
		Girdih	959
		Gumla	394
		Khunti	422
		Koderma	651
		Latehar	244

64	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Question
1	2	3	4
		Lohardagga	568
		Palamu	725
		Ramgarh	781
		Ranchi	921
		Sarai kala Khareswan	542
		Simgoda	217
		W. Singhbhum	670
	Jharkhand Total		10366
13	Karnataka	Chitra Durga	3410
		Gulbarga	306
57	Karnataka Total		3716
14	Kerala	Wynad	408
		Palakkad	135
	Kerala Total		543
15	Maharashtra	Nandurbar	502
		Chandrapur	684
		Gadchiroli	477
		Gondia	302
		Dhule	828
		Nanded	577
	Maharashtra Total		3370
16	Madhya Pradesh	Rewa	620
		Balaghat	814

1	2	3	4
		Annuppur	
		Dindori	9
		Mandla	0
		Sahadol	64
		Sidhi	440
		Seoni	439
		Umaria	0
	Madhya Pradesh T	OTAL	2386
17	Manipur	Churachandpur	92
		Tamanglong	
	Manipur Total		92
18	Meghalaya	South Garo Hills	20
		West Garo Hills	
	Meghalaya Тотац		20
19	Mizoram	Lawngtlai	260
		Lunglei	25
	Mizoram Total		285
20	Nagaland	Tuensang	66
		Mon	
-	Nagaland Total		66
21	Odisha	Gajapati	81
		Deogarh	21
		Dhenkanal	546

66	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions
1	2	3	4
		Ganjam	68
		Jajpur	779
		Kandhamal	282
		Keonjhar	
		Koraput	248
		Malkangiri	19
		Mayurbhanj	928
		Navrangpur	110
		Nayagarh	86
		Rayagada	131
		Sambalpur	278
		Sundargarh	83
		Bolangir	
		Kalahandi	100
		Nuapada	52
		Sonepur	
-	Odisha Total		3812
22	Punjab	Hoshiarpur	571
	Punjab ТотаL		571
23	Rajasthan	Jhalawar	709
		Banswara	523
		Dungarpur	389
		Barmer	1042
	Rajasthan Total		2663

Written Answers to		[30 April, 2013] Unstarred Questions	
1	2	3	4
24	Tamil Nadu	Nagapattinam	322
		Kanyakumari (Nagercoil	136
	Tamil Nadu Total		458
25	Sikkim	Sikkim North	51
		Sikkim East	133
42	Sikkim Total		184
26	Tripura	Dhalai	30
		West Tripura	
	Tripura Total		30
27	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur	36
		Mahoba	107
		Chandauli	214
		Mirzapur	501
		Sonebhadra	119
		Chitrakoot	10
		Jaunpur	268
		Kaushambi	39
	Uttar Pradesh Tota	AL	1294
28	Uttarakhand	Chamoli	1012
		Tehri Garhwal	795
	Uttarakhand ТотаL	5	1807
29	West Bengal	Malda	180
		Bankura	315

68	Written Answers to	[RAJYA SABHA]	Unstarred Questions
1	2	3	4
		Midnapur (W)	309
		Purulia	419
		Birbhoom	237
		Jalpaiguri	584
	West Bengal Tota	L	2044
	All India Total		50001

Source: NABARD.

Downward revision of GDP

3744. SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has revised the GDP growth set for the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the reasons for such a downward revision;
- (c) whether the growth performance of the country is not on the satisfactory lines;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
 - (e) the steps taken by Government to achieve the targeted growth rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No Sir. As per the Economic Survey 2012-13 the growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (at factor cost at constant 2004-05 prices) is expected to be in the range of 6.1 to 6.7 per cent in 2013-14.

(c) and (d) The growth rate of India's GDP (at factor cost at constant 2004-05 prices) was 8.6 per cent in 2009-10 and 9.3 per cent in 2010-11. As per the Advance Estimates released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the growth rate of GDP is estimated to be 5.0 per cent in 2012-13 as compared to 6.2 per cent during 2011-12. The slowdown in growth in 2012-13 is on account of lower growth in agriculture, industry and the services sector. The slowdown is attributable to