

**Investment by Indian companies abroad**

\*215. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian companies investing in foreign countries;
- (b) the total investments made by Indian companies; and
- (c) the repatriation of dividend/profits by these companies over the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The number of Indian companies investing in foreign countries is 7430.

(b) The total investments made by Indian companies: USD 271023.172 million.

(c) During the last three years (from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2014), USD 4028.06 million was repatriated as dividend and USD 1204.78 million as profit by these companies.

**Victims of drug trial in Tamil Nadu**

\*216. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 254 women have died due to a US funded clinical trial for cervical cancer in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether compensation has not been paid to kin of victims, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if not, the amount paid, so far, as compensation, victim-wise;
- (d) whether Government has initiated inquiry into the death of women and has fixed responsibility in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. HARSH VARDHAN): (a) to (e) It is not true that 254 women had died due to US funded clinical trials on cervical cancer in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. However, there is a report of deaths of women during a study to assess efficacy of cervical cancer screening and breast cancer screening strategies in reducing mortality from cervical and breast cancers among women. The study has compared the cancer death rates among women offered screening