

**Promotion of MDP firms**

2538. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made by the Ministry to promote the concept of Multi-Disciplinary Partnership (MDP) firms in India;

(b) whether there have been no efforts from Ministry's side to popularise the concept despite the legislative intent to promote multi-disciplinary practice;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has any plan to promote MDP since the same is needed to make Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) an effective business vehicle; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) have had inconclusive deliberations regarding a framework for allowing Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships (MDPs) amongst its members. Efforts to popularize the concept of MDPs will be, therefore, at this stage be pre-mature.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Recovery of penalties imposed by CCI**

2539. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed penalties on some entities for unfair business practices during the last three years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and entity-wise, including the amount of penalty imposed on them;

(c) the rules and regulations in regard to payment of penalty;

(d) whether a large number of such entities have not paid penalty to Government within the prescribed time-limit and, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government or CCI to recover penalties from defaulters in a more effective manner?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):  
(a) and (b) The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed penalty on 322 entities as follows:

Year	Number of entities on which the penalty has been imposed	Total amount (₹)
2011	38	6,87,28,40,613
2012	95	72,76,86,21,528
2013	20	18,34,28,35,225
2014 (As on 31.10.2014)	169	26,75,26,39,556
TOTAL	322	1,24,73,69,36,922

(c) The Commission has made the CCI (Manner of Recovery of Monetary Penalty) Regulations, 2011 regulating the manner in which penalties imposed by it shall be recovered.

(d) and (e) The Competition Appellate Tribunal/Courts have dismissed/stayed the recovery of a sum of ₹1,21,78,01,01,298/- as penalty and a sum of ₹2,16,52,33,351/- is not yet due/not been paid as penalty so far. CCI is taking action as per law for recovery of penalties.

**CSR contribution for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan  
and Clean Ganga Mission**

2540. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the companies have spent/are spending at least two per cent of their income on various social activities as mandated by the Companies Corporate Social Responsibility Policy (CSR) Rules, 2014;

(b) if so, the total funds accrued and utilized under CSR, company-wise along with the nature of the activities included/undertaken under CSR, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government proposes to permit contribution/donations from companies