

**Unearthing unaccounted income of shell companies**

538. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 200 shell companies have come under IT lens;
- (b) if so, the details of those companies which have evaded tax; and
- (c) what action Government is taking or has taken against those shell companies to unearth non-filers and huge amounts of unaccounted income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Detection of tax evasion by persons including companies and consequent action is a continuous process under the Direct Taxes law. Such action includes identification of non-filers, searches, surveys, enquiries, assessment of income, levy of taxes, penalties, etc. and filing of prosecution complaints in criminal courts, wherever applicable. Disclosure of information in respect of specific persons, however, is prohibited except as provided under section 138 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

**Committee for the multiple digital payment options**

539. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the Chief Ministers who are members of the Committee of Chief Ministers to chart a road map for rollout of digital payments; and
- (b) the recommendations/decision of the Committee for the multiple digital payments options?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL): (a) The following Chief Ministers are the members of the Committee of Chief Ministers to Examine and Implement Measures to Implement Digital Payment Systems:—

- (1) Shri Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh;
- (2) Shri Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, Odisha;
- (3) Shri Shivraj Singh Patil, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh;
- (4) Shri Pawan Kumar Chamling, Chief Minister, Sikkim;
- (5) Shri V. Narayanasamy, Chief Minister, Puducherry; and
- (6) Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister, Maharashtra.

(b) The recommendations of the Committee of Chief Ministers on digital payments is available on internet at "[pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=157655](http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=157655)"