

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 812
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 9th FEBRUARY, 2021

USE OF CSR FUNDS IN TAMIL NADU

QUESTION

812. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has proposed to use Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds to fund COVID-19 vaccination programmes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of CSR fund sanctioned to the State of Tamil Nadu during COVID-19; and
- (c) the names of the corporate companies and the amount spent and the sectors for which the amount has been spent by them during each of the last three years in Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a Board driven process and the Board of the company is empowered to plan, decide, execute and monitor the CSR activities of the company based on the recommendation of its CSR Committee. The Government does not issue any specific direction in this regard.

Ministry vide General Circular no.10/2020 dated 23.03.2020 clarified that CSR funds may be spent by the companies for various activities related to COVID-19 under item nos. (i) and (xii) of Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act') which relates to promotion of health care, including preventive health care and sanitation, and disaster management. Further, Ministry vide General Circular no.01/2021 dated 13.01.2021 clarified that CSR funds may be spent by the companies for carrying out awareness campaigns/programmes or public outreach campaigns on COVID-19 Vaccination programme.

The entire CSR architecture is disclosure based and CSR mandated companies are required to file details of CSR activities annually in MCA21 registry. As per the filings made by the companies in the MCA21 registry, the CSR spent by all the companies in the State of Tamil Nadu for the financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively is as follows:

State	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
Tamil Nadu (INR Cr.)	627.75	823.72	240.18

(Data upto 30.09.2020) [Source: National CSR Data Portal]

All data related to CSR filed by companies in MCA21 registry including sector-wise and company-wise is available in public domain at www.csr.gov.in.
