(a) the position of India in the world in terms of Ease of Doing Business survey conducted by the World Bank; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve its position in this regard?

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a) The position of India in the World in terms of Ease of Doing Business Survey 2015 conducted by the World Bank is 142.

(b) Government has undertaken a number of steps to improve Ease of Doing Business in India. A large number of components of Defence Products’ list have been excluded from the purview of Industrial Licencing. The application process for Industrial Licence and Industrial Entrepreneur’s Memorandum has been made easy by simplification of form and making the process online 24X7. The validity period of the Industrial Licence and security clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs has been increased. The process of registration with Employees’ Provident Fund Organization and Employees’ State Insurance Corporation have been made on line and real-time. Process of obtaining environment and forest clearances have been made online. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has advised Ministries and State Governments to simplify and rationalize the regulatory environment through business process reengineering and use of information technology. 14 Government of India services have been integrated with the online single window eBiz portal.