

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4128
ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, THE 21st MARCH, 2013/
PHALGUNA 30, 1934 (SAKA)**

**REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES
QUESTION**

4128. SHRI N. CHALUVARAYA SWAMY:

**Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:**

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- (a) whether Government proposes to make enrolment of all foreign companies, engaged in online business practice with the Registrar of Companies mandatory in a bid to make such companies engaged in online and direct to home business practices accountable;**
(b) if so, the details thereof and whether the need to have control over such organisations was felt in the wake of increasing instances of online business that cut across national boundaries; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

(SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

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(श्री सचिन पायलट)

(a) to (c):- It had come to the notice of the Government that certain foreign entities are conducting online activities in India without actually getting themselves registered. In order to regulate online activities of foreign companies which are presently not required to file registration documents with the Registrar and to better safeguard the interest of Indian Consumers and investors, the Companies Bill, 2012, Clause 2 (42) defining "foreign company" has widened the scope of foreign companies to include companies operating through electronic mode.

Further, provisions in respect of Inspection, Inquiry and Investigation proposed in Clause 206 to 229 of the proposed Bill shall also be applicable to foreign companies.
