

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1096  
ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2013**

**LOBBYING OPERATIONS OF COAI**

**QUESTION**

1096. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recognized lobbying in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Cellular Operators Associations of India (COAI) is lobbying with various Government Ministries/Departments on behalf of some GSM telecom operators;
- (d) if so, the sources of fundings to COAI by various telecom operators as disclosed in their Annual Reports during the last three years;
- (e) whether the huge funding is contrary to the provisions of the Companies Act; and
- (f) if so, the action taken against COAI and those telecom operators for violation of Government norms on lobbying?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) to (b) : No, Sir.

(c) to (f) : This Ministry regulates Companies Act, 1956 and Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 and Cellular Operators Associations of India (COAI) is a society, the regulation of which is not in the purview of this Ministry.

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