

## **Extending deadline of Companies Fresh Start Scheme and LLP Settlement Scheme**

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The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) through the General Circular no. 12/2020 dated 30.3.2020, launched the "Companies Fresh Start Scheme, 2020 which inter- alia provided opportunity to companies to make good any filing related defaults, regardless of duration of defaults, and make a fresh start as a fully compliant company.

This was stated by Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs, in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

The Minister further stated that the Scheme condoned the delay in filing belated documents and gave immunity from prosecution and proceedings for imposition of penalty which might arise on account of such delayed filing of documents. No additional fees was charged for late filing during a moratorium period from 1st April to 31st December, 2020 in respect of documents, returns etc. required to be filed in MCA-21 Registry. As per records, 4,73,131 Indian Companies and 1,065 number of Foreign Companies have benefited by availing the CFSS, 2020 scheme for filing their pending documents.

Similarly, the Minister stated, for Limited Liability Partnerships ('LLPs'), the MCA through General Circular No.6/2020 dated 04.03.2020 introduced LLP Settlement Scheme, 2020 to provide one-time relaxation in additional fees to the defaulting Limited Liability Partnerships to make good their defaults by filing pending documents with the Registrar of Companies ('ROC' or 'Registrar'). The LLP settlement scheme was initially rolled out from 16.03.2020 to 13.06.2020 for certain filings by LLPs. Further, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the said scheme was modified to cover all e-forms and extended from 01.04.2020 to 31.12.2020. As per records, 1,05,643 LLPs have benefited by availing the LLP settlement scheme 2020 for filing their pending documents.

The Minister stated that both the schemes i.e., Companies Fresh Start Scheme (CFSS) and the LLP Settlement Scheme (LSS) have ended on 31.12.2020. A sufficient period of time of 09 months was accorded in the schemes to companies and LLPs to make good their defaults and accordingly, further extension of the scheme was not found necessary. Therefore, no such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry in this regard.

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 817**

**ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021/ 20 MAGHA, 1942 (SAKA)**

**COMPANIES FRESH START SCHEME**

**QUESTION**

**817. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:**

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

(a) whether Government has launched a 'Companies Fresh Start Scheme' in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the break-up of the companies that have availed the benefits under this scheme, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR**

**FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. The Government in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) through the General Circular No. 12/2020 dated 30.03.2020 launched the Companies Fresh Start Scheme, (CFSS) 2020 which inter- alia provides opportunities to Companies to make good any filing related defaults, regardless of duration of defaults, and make a fresh start as a fully compliant entity. The Scheme condoned the delay in filing the belated documents and gives immunity from prosecutions and proceedings for imposition of penalty which might arise on account of such delayed filing of documents. No additional fees was charged for late filing during a moratorium period from 1st April to 31st December, 2020 in respect of documents, returns etc. required to be filed in MCA-21 Registry. As per records, 473131 number of Indian Companies and 1065 number of Foreign Companies have been benefited by availing the CFSS, 2020 scheme for filing their pending documents. Break up of Number of Companies that availed the scheme State/UT-wise which is as per Annexure- A.

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Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Rajya Sabha Un-starred Question No.817 answered on 09.02.2021.

Break up of Number of Companies that availed the scheme State/UT-wise is as under:

S No	Name of State/ UT	No of Companies availed the Scheme	No of Foreign Companies availed the Scheme
1	Andaman & Nicobar	137	Foreign Companies are registered only with Delhi.
2	Andhra Pradesh	5811	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	102	
4	Assam	2849	
5	Bihar	6299	
6	Chandigarh	2689	
7	Chhattisgarh	3501	
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	224	
9	Daman and Diu	142	
10	Delhi	87690	1065
11	Goa	1765	
12	Gujarat	31504	
13	Haryana	14504	
14	Himachal Pradesh	1253	
15	Jammu & Kashmir	1153	
16	Jharkhand	3330	
17	Karnataka	29891	
18	Kerala	15340	
19	Ladakh	8	
20	Lakshadweep	7	
21	Madhya Pradesh	10207	
22	Maharashtra	88278	
23	Manipur	222	
24	Meghalaya	284	
25	Mizoram	33	
26	Nagaland	69	
27	Orissa	5065	
28	Pondicherry	424	
29	Punjab	6897	
30	Rajasthan	17041	
31	Tamil Nadu	27454	
32	Telangana	22548	
33	Tripura	130	
34	Uttar Pradesh	27749	
35	Uttarakhand	2245	
36	West Bengal	56286	
<b>37</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>473131</b>	

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