Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Economic Affairs

Press Release inviting Comments on the Report of the Bankruptcy Law Reforms Committee

The Finance Minister, in his Budget Speech 2015-16, had identified Bankruptcy Law Reform as a key priority for improving the ease of doing business and had announced that a comprehensive Bankruptcy Code, meeting global standards and providing necessary judicial capacity, will be brought in fiscal 2015-16.

The Government had constituted a Bankruptcy Law Reform Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. T. K. Viswanathan, former Law Secretary to look into various Bankruptcy related issues and give its report along with a draft Bill on the subject to the Government.

Dr. Viswanathan submitted the Report of the Committee to the Finance Minister on 4th November, 2015. The Report is in two parts: Volume I – titled "Rationale and Design" and Volume II – titled "Draft Insolvency and Bankruptcy Bill". The Report, along with a brief summary of the recommendations, has been placed on the website of the Ministry of Finance at ><u>www.finmin.nic.in</u>< for stakeholder consultation. Comments/suggestions, if any, on the Report may be sent to the OSD (FSLRC & Law), Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Economic Affairs, Room No. 30, North Block, New Delhi 110001, preferably by email at <u>praveen.trivedi@nic.in</u> by 19.11.2015.

After taking the suggestions/views into consideration the Government will take a final decision on the Report and introduce the Bill in Parliament as early as possible.

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