

(c) whether Government have any new proposal for further disinvestment; and

(d) if so, how much it will be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY) : (a) to (d) ERBC (Eastern Region Business Centre) covers activities of ONGC in North-Eastern areas except Tripura and is not an independent company or entity. Thus, no disinvestment of ERBC as such has been done. Presently, there is no proposal for further disinvestment in ONGC.

Revaluation of Assets of PSUs before Disinvestment

3118. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether revaluation of assets is being done before carrying out disinvestment of PSUs;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether replacement cost of a CPSU is being assessed and taken into account before disinvestment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY) : (a) to (d) The issue of valuation of the assets of the companies proposed for disinvestment is considered on a case to case basis on the advice of the consultants/Global Advisor depending on various factors like nature of sale, nature of the company, mode of disinvestment etc..

Training in Hindi Typing and Stenography

† 3119. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the number of typists and stenographers in his Ministry and subordinate offices who are yet to be trained in Hindi typing and Hindi stenography;

(b) the reasons for not giving them such training, so far; and

(c) by when it is planned to give them such training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (C) In the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, out of available 35 LDCs, (Typists) and 23 stenographers, only 8 eligible typists and 8 eligible stenographers are yet to be trained in Hindi typing/stenography. Training is a continuous process and staff is deputed for training keeping in view the exigencies of work.

Heavy Industries Running in Loss

† 3120. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are large number of heavy industries run by Government which are constantly running in loss and now they have been declared sick industries;

(b) if so, the number of such sick industries; and

(c) the total quantum of capital invested by Government upto March, 2000 in these sick industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) As on 31.3.99, there were 50 CPSUs under Department of Heavy Industries (DHI) including two holding companies of which 25 CPSUs were sick and registered with BIFR. The total capital investment, in terms of equity participation and long term loan, made by the Central Government in these sick CPSUs as on 31.3.99, the period for which information is available, was Rs. 2653.59 crores.

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