

respect of the work force. In the case of 10 heavy loss making public enterprises (PSEs) a scheme of voluntary separation scheme conforming to the VRS model has been implemented by the Department of Heavy industries. Sick companies are referred to the BIFR for revival. Revival package are sought to be implemented in accordance with BIFR's plans. These include restructuring, write offs, conversion of loans into equity, fresh infusion of capital etc.

Use of Disinvestment Fund

1897. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to spend a part of the money collected through the disinvestment of Public Sector Enterprises on making the viable PSE's stronger; and

(b) if so, the viable rehabilitation programmes devised for weak units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The proceeds of disinvestment of Government equity in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are credited into the Consolidated Fund of India. Government provides Plan & non-Plan budgetary support to PSUs in relation to assessed needs.

Financial Sector Reforms

1898. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has urged Government to take up reforms in the pension sector in tandem with insurance sector reforms to strengthen the overall financial sector reforms; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the above demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) As part of the

financial sector reforms, the pension sector is also being opened for private competition.

High/Low Power Transmitters installed in Andhra Pradesh

1899. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of High Power Transmitters, Low Power Transmitters and Very Low Power Transmitters installed in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years;

(b) whether all the transmitters are functioning satisfactorily;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and remedial action taken by Government; and

(d) the number of such transmitters proposed to be installed in Andhra Pradesh during the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) One High Power Transmitter, seven Low Power transmitters, and one Very Low Power Transmitter have been commissioned during the last two years in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Three High Power Transmitters, eighteen Low Power Transmitters and three Very Low Power Transmitters.

Air Programmes in Remote Areas of Border

†1900. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the programmes of All India Radio are being heard in remote areas of Indo-Burma and Indo-Bangladesh borders; and

(b) if not, what steps have been taken by Government to ensure that the programmes of All India Radio are heard in Chalna district council area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN

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