

reservation of not less than 3% of jobs has been provided for persons with disabilities. Regarding employment of women in PSEs, the number of women employees in the PSEs for the years 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000 was 1,11,706, 1,07,077 and 10,4,282 respectively.

(c) As regards details relating to employment of women and Physically Handicapped persons, all the below Board level appointments come within the purview of the managements of respective PSEs and such details are not centrally maintained.

Change in Existing VRS

2945. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present VRS Scheme is applicable to loss making public enterprises;

(b) the number of employees in PSUs who have availed themselves of the existing scheme;

(c) whether his Ministry is proposing to change the existing scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA):

(a) Yes Sir. The present VRS Scheme is applicable to all Central Public Sector Enterprises including loss making.

(b) As per available information 42824 employees have availed themselves of the existing scheme during 2000-2001.

(c) and (d) Review of Schemes is an ongoing process.

Publication for DAVP Advertisements

2946. SHRI VUAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of publications which have closed down but continue on DAVP approved list;

(b) whether new publications have been added from the same region for DAVP advertisements, particularly for UPSC advertisements; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?