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(c) The steps taken by Maruti Management to retain its dominant position and its share in market are as follows:—

1. Price rationalization in the end of June, 2000 to boost overall demand.
2. Introduction of five new models (Wagon R, Alto LX, Alto VX, Baleno and Altura) since December, 1999.
3. Introduction of Euro 2 variants in all models.
4. Expansion of service network to 724 cities and towns across the country.

Production of Defence Products by BHEL

3727. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals has decided to enter Defence Production Sector;

(b) if so, the details of defence products identified to be produced by BHEL; and

(c) by when BHEL is likely to start production of defence products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) BHEL is already manufacturing certain equipments for Defence such as Simulators, Gun Mounts, Recovery Vehicles, Turret Castings.

PSUs in Rajasthan

3728. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the public sector undertakings located in Rajasthan;

(b) the performance of these PSUs during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to improve the performance of these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) there are six public sector undertakings namely Hindustan Salts Ltd., Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Instrumentation Ltd., Rajasthan Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Ltd., & Sambhar Salts Ltd., whose registered offices are located in Rajasthan. The performance details of these PSUs for the last three years ending on 31-3-2000, the period till

which information is available, is given in the Public Enterprises Survey 1999-2000, which was laid in the Rajya Sabha on 27-2-2001 and is a published document.

(c) The performance improvement is a continuous process. Enterprise specific steps are taken by the respective Administrative Ministries/Departments and Management of the PSUs from time to time. Some of the steps taken include managerial and financial restructuring, upgradation of technology, modernization of plants and machinery, cost control measures, rationalization of manpower through VRS, improved marketing strategies etc. as the case may be.

Re-appointment of Officers of M/s Hindustan Cables Ltd. on contract basis

3729. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some officers of M/s Hindustan Cables Limited have been re-appointed on contract basis after voluntary retirement; and

(b) if so, the details of the same with names and designations, amount paid under VRS to each and the remuneration including allowances and other benefits being paid to them on contract basis, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES pR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) and (b) Two executives of HCL have been given consultancy assignments after their voluntary retirement. Details are as follows :—

Name& designation	Amount of VR compensation (Rs.)	Period of consultancy	Monthly honorarium (Rs.)
Shri V. S. Tapadia Chief General Manager (Finance) & Company Secretary	7,86,168	9 months	17,000
Shri D.C. Ghosh General manager (Finance)	2,53,396	6 months	11,000