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(c) the cities where the new used car venture would be started and the expected profit in the next venture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL), the project has been launched as test phase in October, 2001 in Delhi and Bangalore. It will be rolled out in other cities in subsequent phases. The profit projections shall be made after the successful completion of the test phase.

Roll-back in retirement age in PSUs

68. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Units (PSUs) are facing stiff resistance to roll-back in retirement age of their employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that PSUs are downsized in spite of opposition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) The Boards of Directors have been empowered to recommend rollback of age of retirement of employees of PSUs, Government is not aware of any stiff resistance being faced by PSUs in this regard.

(c) Enterprise-specific steps for downsizing are taken by the managements of the concerned PSUs and these include implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

Projected loss of public enterprises

69. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total projected loss of public enterprises in the year 2001-2002;

(b) the reasons for these huge losses suffered by these public enterprises; and

(c) whether it is because of the out-dated technology or lack of exit policy in the country?

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

(a) information in respect of projected loss by Central Public Sector Enterprises ((CPSEs) is not maintained centrally. However, as per Performance Budget 2001-2002 of the Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, the total projected loss by 28 loss making CPSEs under the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) is Rs. 533.11 crores as against a projected net profit of Rs. 679.96 crores earned by 12 profit making CPSEs under DHI. In case of remaining 8 CPSEs, no projections have been made. Thus, 48 public sector undertakings under DHI are likely to earn an aggregate net profit of Rs. 146.85 crores during the year 2001-02 after adjustment of the above projected loss.

(b) and (c) The reasons for losses are enterprise specific. Some of these reasons include inherited sickness in case of taken over units from the private sector, obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilisation, excess manpower, financial resource crunch, high input costs, heavy interest burden, weak marketing strategies, lack of orders etc.

Amount spent on revival of PSUs

† 70. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have spent huge amount for revival of PSUs since 1990;

(b) if so, the details of amount spent during this period; and

(c) the details of institutions which are running in profit as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Enterprise specific measures have been taken by the Government for revival of Central PSUs and it is a continuous process. Depending upon the availability of the funds, need based budgetary support in the form of

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