

(d) The Government has announced a number of measures in the Budget 2009-10 to revive the economy. These include a prominent thrust to the infrastructure sector through “takeout financing”, Public Private Partnership (PPP) and removal of policy, regulatory and institutional bottlenecks in infrastructure projects. In addition, agricultural development is to be given a boost through increase in plan allocation, higher credit target and continued interest rates subvention. There is also focus on reviving the export and the MSME sector. These measures are in addition to the steps already taken in the previous fiscal stimulus packages in the form of tax relief and increased expenditure on public programmes to increase demand.

Revival of sick PSUs

*250. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) how many cases of revival of sick Public Sector Units (PSUs) have been recommended by the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE);

(b) what is the total cost of revival in terms of waivers and fresh investments;

(c) how many cases out of such recommended cases, which have been accepted by Government; and

(d) what is the cost of revival in terms of waivers and fresh investments?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH): (a) Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) has recommended revival of 55 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), upto 15.7.2009.

(b) The total cost of revival of 55 CPSEs amount to Rs. 33,150 crores as recommended by BRPSE (cash assistance of Rs. 5,168 crores in the form of infusion of funds and non-cash assistance of Rs. 27,982 crores in the form of waivers/write offs).

(c) The Government have accepted revival proposals of 35 CPSEs.

(d) The total cost of revival of 35 CPSEs amounts to Rs. 15,115 crores (cash assistance of Rs. 2,921 crores in the form of infusion of funds and non-cash assistance of Rs. 12,194 crores in the form of waivers/write offs).

Scam in NREGS

†*251. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scam amounting to crores of rupees has been unearthed under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.