

would explore the possibility of acquiring and revamping Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC), Durgapur; and

(b) if so, the status of acquirement and revamping of MAMC as envisaged in the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Profit by HEC

1090. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), Ranchi has started earning operational profit;

(b) if so, the details of current financial health of HEC indicating its potentials;

(c) whether it is also a fact that several private entrepreneurs have committed or have wished to set up heavy industrial units in Jharkhand;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of infrastructural impediments found to be existing in Jharkhand;

(f) whether Government is contemplating to enhance the infrastructure in the State in order to make it conducive for heavy industries;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) has started earning operational profit since 2006-07.

(Rupees in crore)

Particulars	2006-07 (Actual)	2007-08 (Actual)	2008-09 (Provisional)	2009-10 (Budget)
Gross Turnover	303.90	412.92	451.12	550.00
Production (Net of duty)	280.81	382.86	412.63	525.84
Operational Profit	6.67	22.31	31.25	35.74
Net Profit	2.86	4.17	16.12	21.55

(c) and (d) There is no specific categorization for heavy industries. However, 539 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda have been filed and 3 Direct Industry Licenses (DILs) have been issued for the State of Jharkhand since January 2004 to May 2009.

(e) and (h) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Braithwaite and Company Ltd., Kolkata

†1091. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Braithwaite and Company Limited situated at Kolkata manufactures only railway wagon at present;

(b) whether this is the reason that all the staff and the officers of the company want its merger with the Railways;

(c) whether Government has received any memorandum in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV): (a) to (c) The core business of M/s. Braithwaite and Company Limited (BCL) situated at Kolkata is manufacturing of Railway wagons, bogies and couplers for Railway wagons. Apart from this, the company is also engaged in fabrication of bridge girders and structural works and entering into crane business and civil construction.

Some of the employees of Braithwaite and Company Limited have sent representation to Ministry of Railway on 16.06.2009 requesting for takeover of Braithwaite and Co. Ltd. by Ministry of Railways.

(d) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises proposes to examine the transfer of wagon manufacturing units of M/s. Braithwaite and Co. Ltd. (BCL) to Ministry of Railways in consultation and with the consent of that Ministry.

The Ministry has requested the Ministry of Railways to consider taking over of the units of Braithwaite and Company Limited.

Literacy among minorities

1092. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to take steps to enhance literacy among the minorities; and

(b) if so, what are the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) One of the National Literacy Goals is to reduce

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.