

specification, standardisation of raw materials with a view to achieving cost optimisation, rationalisation and improvement of distribution system of automotive tyres and technological improvements. The Government have received the report of the Satyapal Committee which deals with these issues and also covers important questions—such as modernisation, extension of the certification of marks scheme of the ISI to the tyre industry, development of healthy trade practice and the establishment of a National Research Institute for carrying out both basic and adaptive research. The report has been discussed initially with the concerned Departments and Ministries and was also placed before the Development Council for Tyre Industry for consideration. As various policy issues have been raised in the Report it is not possible to indicate any definite time frame for its implementation.

Public sector units

142. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the public sector units are still running in losses;

(b) which units are making profit and which units are running into losses ;

(c) what are the reasons for the loss in the public sector units ; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to make losing units more viable ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI) : (a) No, Sir, As per Public Enterprises Survey 1984-85, out of 207 operating Central Public Enterprises, 113 enterprises made net profits of Rs. 2023-30 crores and 91 enterprises incurred losses amounting

to Rs. 1094.73 crores resulting in an overall net profit of Rs. 928.57 crores.

(b) The names of the enterprises along with the amount of profit or the amount of profit or loss made by them are available in the Public Enterprises Survey 1984-85, Volume-I (Page Nos. 52 to 57) placed on the Table of the House on 27-6-1986.

(c) The reasons for losses differ from unit to unit. However, the major causes identified for losses include constraints in the availability of inputs like coal, power, transportation facilities ; reduced demand in certain industries like shipping and Ship Building ; uneconomic prices ; inherent sickness in the case of nationalised units taken over from the private sector ; increase in input costs from time to time including wage revisions outdated technology etc.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to improve performance of these enterprises, include continuous monitoring and review of performance at various levels ; improving availability and quality of infrastructural inputs including provisions of captive power facilities wherever considered necessary ; technology upgradation ; modernisation and rehabilitation of plant and equipment and provision of balancing facilities ; product diversification and improvement in product mix ; encouraging participation of labour in management, emphasis on cost reduction and cost control by increasing productivity and efficiency etc.

Guidelines for Appointment of Petroleum products Dealers

143. SHRI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether guidelines for appointment of petroleum products dealers have recently been revised drastically by the Central Government ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?