

- v. An average annual net profit after tax of more than Rs. 5,000 crore during the last 3 years
- vi. Significant global presence or international operations.

Shifting of heavy industries

1297. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to shift the heavy industries to the administrative control of Corporate Affairs Ministry; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.

Rural Business Hubs

1298. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is going to implement a scheme of Rural Business Hubs for promoting manufacturing of products using raw materials/skills available in rural areas, and some of these products may reach the export markets as well;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount estimated to implement the scheme, State-wise;
- (d) whether the scheme has achieved the desired targets; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI C.P. JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) is implementing a Scheme of Rural Business Hubs (RBHs) for promoting manufacturing of products using raw materials/skills available in the rural areas. Some of these products may reach the export market as well. The scheme works on a 4P (Public-Private-Panchayat-Partnership) model and is applicable in all the BRGF districts and all the districts in the North Eastern Region. Setting up of RBHs is primarily done through convergence of resources from various ongoing schemes. Assistance under the RBH scheme is available for professional support services, training/skill development and for purchase of minor equipment.

(c) RBH is a demand-based and hence a proposal-based scheme. Financial assistance under the RBH scheme is not earmarked State-wise but provided to the implementing agency for implementation of RBH.

(d) and (e) The RBH Scheme became operational only from September, 2007, and is gradually picking up. As per allocation of funds, the desired targets have been achieved.