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this stage it is difficult to indicate a definite time frame for implementation or otherwise of the recommendations.

Effect of disinvestment on employees

2732. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees and workers lost their jobs due to closing down of establishments in Central and State Sectors, separately till date;

(b) the effect of disinvestment on the job of employees and employment scenario; and

(c) details of the meaning of "Need based recruitment" and "operational requirements" in Central Government offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) According to provisional information available for 1999-2000 (upto May, 2000), the total number of workers affected due to closure of establishments in Central and State spheres during this period was 21 and 16,608 respectively.

(b) The disinvestments in non-strategic public sector enterprises has been undertaken with a view to improving productivity and achieving a turn around in performance. There is no evidence to show that this has had any adverse effect on the job of employees and the employment scenario.

(c) The needs and operational requirements of Central Government offices are expected to change with the changing role, function and policies of the Government. Whereas some departments/offices may experience need for strengthening, others may require some correction/adjustments in staff/officers. Recruitment, therefore, has to be need based and in line with the operational work requirements and functions being performed in Government offices.