

**Shortage of orders for BHEL**

545. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) is facing an alarming situation in the absence of new orders from the much-delayed power projects;

(b) whether even existing projects are going slow or being put on hold due to financial woes; and

(c) if so, the steps Government is taking to help BHEL in getting orders?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) BHEL is facing some difficulties on account of the delay of new and under construction power projects.

(c) The Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) constantly endeavour to further cause of BHEL including that of obtaining orders. Some of the steps taken are as under:

- (i) Taking up issues of BHEL with the other Ministries/Departments of Government of India.
- (ii) Providing level playing field *vis-a-vis* foreign suppliers of electrical equipment. In this regard, Department of Revenue has come up with a notification imposing import duties.
- (iii) Developing a 10 year Mission Plan for the development of domestic Electric Industry in general.
- (iv) Persuing with Ministry of Power regarding feasibility of having a condition of Phased Manufacturing Programme in case of orders for Super-critical Power Plants.
- (v) Arranging Bulk Order of Super-critical Sets from NTPC.

**Establishment of Public Sector Enterprises in rural and backward areas**

546. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Heavy Industries/Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) functioning in the country at present, State-wise;