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Maharatna status to BHEL

1670. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has cleared the proposal to grant Maharatna status to Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL);
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new status would help BHEL to look at new avenues for growth and also to tap all opportunities; and
 - (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been granted Maharatna status vide Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)'s Office Memorandum No. 22(1)/2009-GM dated 1st February, 2013.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir, the enhanced powers delegated under Maharatna status would help BHEL to achieve its long-term objectives, such as:

- tap bigger opportunities for equity participation in large size power projects;
- pursue merger & acquisition opportunities in the areas of transportation, transmission, power & energy sectors;
- build its businesses including in defence and exports;
- position senior level executives to oversee/ manage new entities.

Stimulus package for revival of automobile sector

1671. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to provide some stimulus package to automobile sector;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any suggestions from various stake holders including Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) for revival of automobile sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of action taken by Government thereon:
- (e) whether the Ministry has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance; and
- if so, the details thereof along with the details of reaction of the Ministry of Finance thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (f) The government, in consultation with all stakeholders, including SIAM, takes measures for comprehensive and continued development of the auto sector. In this regard, the Auto Mission Plan 2006-16 has been prepared by the government after extensive consultations with all stakeholders, including the industry. The Mission Plan is the cornerstone of the government policy for the