that prevalence of TB in India has been brought down under RNTCP, which is documented by WHO Reports.

The activists did not dispute the assertions and information shared by the Indian delegate.

The RNTCP and the Government welcome constructive suggestions received from all sources for improving the programme.

Power plant piping unit in Tamil Nadu

572.   SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has recently set up a Power Plant Piping Unit in Tamil Nadu;

(b)   if so, the details of its estimated cost, capacity etc.;

(c)   whether the new plant is aimed at creating more employment opportunities and economic development of the region;

(d)   if so, the details thereof; and

(e)   the details of proposed future expansion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL) : (a) Yes Sir, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has set up a Power Plant Piping Unit at Thirumayam in Pudukottai District of Tamil Nadu, which was dedicated to the Nation by the Prime Minister on 02.08.2013.

(b) to (d)   The Power Plant Piping Unit of BHEL has been established mainly to cater to the requirement of piping for power plants and process industries at a sanctioned cost of about Rs. 300 crore, and with capacity/capability to deliver 80,000 metric tonne per annum. Besides, other benefits also accrue such as direct and indirect employment avenues including from support industries/services for around 3,000 persons, and general improvement in the vicinity of the Unit and adjoining areas.

(e)   Presently there is no such proposal in BHEL.

Post retirement employment of functional Director of CPSEs

573.   SHRI AMBETH RAJAN : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that a guideline issued by Department of Public Enterprises prohibits functional Director of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)