Power Plants in order to improve power plant efficiency, reduce carbon-dioxide emissions and reduce coal consumption as well as establishing a demonstration power plant of 800 MW capacity based on the developed technology.

Also, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under its Standards and Labelling Programme has formulated efficiency norms to enhance energy efficiency of some categories of electrical equipment like distribution transformers, induction motors, electric lamps, etc.

Proposal to hire PSU chiefs

- 3126. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government propose to hire PSU chiefs from the private sector, if so, the details thereof; and
 - (b) the reasons behind taking such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) In accordance with the Government of India's Resolution dated the 3rd March, 1987, PESB is responsible for the selection and placement of personnel in the posts of Chairman, Managing Director or Chairman-cum-Managing Director (Level-I), and Functional Director (Level-II) in PSEs as well as in posts at any other level as may be specified by the Government. Notification dated the 4th April, 2008, allowed Private Sector applicant also to apply for Board level post(s) in CPSE for a period of 5 years. Issue of extension of period is under examination of the Government.

At present, applicants working in private sector are not eligible to apply to Board level posts in any CPSE.

Demand for higher HP Tractors

- 3127. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :
- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a robust demand for higher HP Tractors in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the quantity of HP Tractors being produced in the country and actual demand; and
- (c) the steps being taken by Government to meet the demand for higher HP Tractors in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI RADHAKRISHNAN P.): (a) The term Higher HP tractors is ambiguous. In the Indian context, tractors above 50 HP are considered higher HP tractors. In this segment, over the past 5 Financial years, the domestic sales has increased from 29053 in 2008-09 to 67134 in 2011-12 before coming down to 31228 in 2013-14.

The reduction in 2013-14 was attributed to the increase in tractor prices due to the new emission norms introduced, which impacted engines above 50 HP. Tractors above 50 HP as a percentage of total industry was around 10 % in the past years, and has come down to around 5% in 2013-14.

(b) The data on production and sales in the past 5 years is given in Statement (See below).

Tractor Industry has more than adequate capacity to meet all HP needs. Member companies of Tractor Manufacturers Association (TMA) are also in the process of enhancing their capacities for the future.

(c) Government of India has already facilitated Agriculture and Agriculture mechanization. Indian tractor industry has technology and adequate competency and they export to developed nations like USA and Europe.

Indian Tractor Industry is one of the largest tractor exporters in the world. We export tractors up to 100 HP. These tractors are available for domestic market also, when needed.

Statement

The data on production and sales in the past five years

Tractor Industry

< 31 HP Tractors				
		Sales		
Year	Production	Domestic	Exports	Total
1	2	3	4	5
2008-09	51537	51214	1233	52447
2009-10	68648	68479	1309	69788
2010-11	74037	71612	3311	74923
2011-12	87636	82219	549	82768
2012-13	54531	54506	742	55248
2013-14	68503	70811	886	71697
31-40 HP Tractors				
2008-09	152110	152941	4530	157471
2009-10	197682	194495	7639	202134
2010-11	231488	219787	6766	226553
20.11-12	270340	244431	6359	250790
2012-13	233697	233397	5558	238955
2013-14	232683	223302	4387	227689

Time-line for action on revival recommendations of sick CPSEs

3128. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of revival proposals recommended by the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) during the last five years *vis-a-vis* the number of such proposals approved by the Government after their receipt from BIFR and BRPSE;
- (b) the reasons for inordinate delay in giving the approval of Government on the recommended proposals; and