

rehabilitation of war widows, revival of small scale business activities, rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure in areas affected by war and railway infrastructure. All these projects cater to the requirements of the people of the war affected areas.

Delay in closure of five PSUs

2101. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made little progress in shutting down five unviable public sector companies, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the closure of Hindustan Cables has been held up due to Defence Ministry as it showed interest to take over the unit and has not come up with a formal proposal, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether out of the other four PSUs, three entities of HMT and Tungabhadra steel cases are also held up, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Cabinet Notes for closure of four unviable Public Sector Companies namely HMT Watches Ltd., HMT Chinara Watches Ltd., HMT Bearings Ltd. and Tungabhadra Steel Products Ltd. have been finalised and submitted to Cabinet Committee of Economic Affairs (CCEA) for approval.

As regards 5th unviable Public Sector Company namely Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL), draft Cabinet Note has been circulated for inter-ministerial consultations.

Amount released for poverty alleviation to the States

2102. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released by the Government to the States especially for poverty alleviation of backward and tribal areas during last two years till date under Integrated Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, State-wise and year-wise; and

(b) the details of the achievements of the States especially in backward and tribal areas during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) The details of amount