

**Closure of HMT watch factory, Ranibagh**

†833. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether final decision has been taken to close the HMT watch factory situated at Ranibagh in Nainital district of Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether the employees working therein have been accommodated elsewhere, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government intends to establish any other industry at this site?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA): (a) Yes Sir. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 06.01.2016 has approved the closure of three subsidiaries of HMT Limited including HMT Watches Limited which includes Ranibagh unit in Uttarakhand.

(b) No Sir. As per the CCEA approval, all the employees of these companies would be offered attractive VRS/VSS package at 2007 notional pay scales with gratuity and leave encashment also at 2007 notional pay scales, in relaxation of DPE guidelines.

(c) No Sir.

**Delay in implementation of projects for Puducherry**

834. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHANAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that projects have been approved for Puducherry under BSUP, IHSDP and RAY;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as of December, 2015, out of 1326 dwelling units, only 600 have been occupied and the remaining are either yet to be constructed or not fully completed for occupation;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in implementing the project; and

(d) by when the remaining dwelling Units are going to be completed and given to the beneficiaries for occupation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) and (b) Three projects

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