

**Security services in PSEs from organisations of ex-servicemen**

†842. SHRI R.K. SINHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Department of Public Enterprises instructed to all Public Enterprises *vide* their letter no. DPE OM No. 6/22/93/GL 15/DPE(SC/ST) dated 1 February, 1999 that all PSEs should receive security services only from the organisations of ex-servicemen registered by DGR;

(b) whether the Ministry is aware that Parliament of India has passed the Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 29/2005 and it is in force since 2005 and under it all security agencies including DGR are required to get license; and

(c) keeping in view the above, whether Ministry proposes to revoke its earlier orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Based on the information obtained from Ministry of Defence, it is informed that for any empaneled Security Agency it is mandatory to have a valid PSARA (Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act) License in the respective State, prior to being operational and this is in consonance with the DGR guidelines. Thus, presently, there is no proposal under consideration to review the aforementioned DPE guidelines dated 01.02.1999.

**Closure of cement factories**

843. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cement factories under Government control, how many are sick and how many are functional, what was and is the production capacity;

(b) in the same time how many private industries came and what is their production capacity now; and

(c) the reasons for closure of Public Sector Undertakings and many cement factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO): (a) Department of Heavy Industry,

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