

(b) the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether care would be taken to maintain uniformity among the States in setting up of such institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected.

### **Maintenance of roads**

1977. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the N.E.C. roads are abandoned after completion;

(b) whether these roads will be maintained by the State Government or N.E.C.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) NEC funded roads after completion are handed over to the State Government for maintenance and State Governments are expected to maintain them. However, NEC has been trying to assist the State Governments for maintenance of some of the NEC funded roads by providing minimum funds since 2001-02. The funds provided are only for restoration of traffic on such roads. No major repair work is envisaged.

### **Profits of heavy industries**

†1978. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:  
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that profit of several heavy industries has increased as a result of using new and modern technology;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of increase in profit of each industry;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has been a decrease in labour-force also in the said industries; and

(d) if so, the extent of decrease in labour force during the last five years and the financial savings as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) There is no formal classification of Industries as "Heavy". However, in so far as the Central Public Sector Enterprises, (PSEs) under the Department of Heavy Industry are concerned, one of the PSEs in the heavy electrical sector has made consistent profit during last five years due to many factors such as cost of inputs, market demand, level of competition including use of new and modern technology etc. The name of the PSE, manpower, profit made, and employment cost in 1999-2000 and 2003-2004 (Provisional) are given as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Public Sector Enterprise	Manpower		Employment cost		Profit before tax (PBT)		Increase(+)/ Decrease (-) in PBT in 5 years
	As on 31.3.2000	As on 31.3.2004	1999-2000	2003-04 (Prov.)	1999-2000	2003-04 (Prov.)	
Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)	53726	43959	1359.00	1885.00	865.00	979.00	(+)114.00

Though the company has had decrease in labour force over the last years (as reflected above), the employment cost has increased on account of increases due to pay revision, dearness and other allowances. This cost would have been much higher without the decrease in manpower.