

the number of PSLV launches and also develop dedicated small launcher to cater to this high market demand.

(b) As on date, 237 foreign satellites belonging to international customers from 29 countries have been successfully launched using PSLV.

Starting from 1993 till date, PSLV has completed 43 launches, of which 2 launches failed. Overall success rate of PSLV has been 95%.

(c) Yes Sir.

**Selling of infrastructure projects to power companies**

\*245. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to sell successfully running public sector infrastructure projects such as power and steel plants to power companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government has made any detailed consultations regarding this proposal with all CPSEs and if so, the response of those CPSEs thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (RAOINDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) In light of (a) and (b) the question does not arise.

**Privatisation of Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Kerala**

\*246. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to privatise the Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL), Velloor, Kottayam, Kerala;

(b) whether Government has received a request from the State Government of Kerala expressing their willingness to take over the HNL; and

(c) if so, whether Government has taken any decisions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ANANT GEETE): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has given 'in principle' approval for strategic disinvestment of 100% shareholding of Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited (HPC), a wholly owned Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) of Government of India Company, in Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL) to a strategic buyer to be identified through a two stage auction process.