

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) and (b) There is no specific information about this in the department.

(c) The Government, as a policy maker, always attempts to keep and improve momentum of the economy through a package of measure for comprehensive and continued development of the industry as and when required.

**Plan to boost heavy industries in the North-Eastern States**

2300. SHRI K. BHABANANDA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has worked out a plan/scheme to boost the heavy industries/PSUs in North-Eastern States particularly Manipur in order to generate employment, as Manipur does not have any such industry;

(b) whether any multinational companies/PSUs are willing to invest in the North Eastern States particularly in Manipur; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this direction so far, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Government runs a scheme, North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017 for industrial units in the North Eastern Region comprising States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura to boost industrialization.

The scheme is administered by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(b) The role of Department of Heavy Industry is to administer the CPSEs under its administrative control. DHI does not maintain any centralized data regarding investment plans of multinational companies/PSUs.

(c) Does not arise.

**Shutting down several low power transmitters**

†2301. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the decision to shut down several low power transmitters and shortwave transmitters under All India Radio and Doordarshan working under Prasar Bharti is strategic move and taken in the interest of the country;

(b) whether Government has taken any step to ensure that people have alternative facilities available during the shutdown of service of these restricted transmitters, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has started any assessment or conducted a study estimating the economic impact due to the closure of these services?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (c) Prasar Bharati Board has instructed All India Radio to take suitable action on outlived/old transmitters while ensuring that needs of regions of strategic importance are taken care of with alternative arrangements. Prasar Bharati is also phasing out obsolete Analog Terrestrial TV transmitters of Doordarshan. All Doordarshan channels and 37 Channels of All India Radio are available across India on DD Free Dish DTH platform on free to air basis. Nearly 200 AIR stations and all external services foreign language services are also available through modern Digital platforms on Internet and also through the NewsonAir app on android and iOS platform apart from on website and on YouTube.

#### **Quality of programmes on radio**

2302. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is a widespread discrepancy and deterioration of good quality programmes being broadcast/transmitted in various languages for the Indian radio listeners residing abroad;

(b) whether any particular agency/department is looking into these transmission/broadcast of these programmes; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the deterioration of quality of such programmes for the millions of Indians residing abroad?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (c) The External Services Division of All India Radio broadcasts