

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISES .
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the number of profit making Public Sector Enterprises came down during 1998-99 as compared to 1997-98;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith factors responsible for this; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure full capacity utilisation, replacement of outdated technology with modern ones and modernisation of machinery?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (HI&PE) DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA

- (a) The number of profit making public sector enterprises during 1997-98, till which period the information is available, has increased to 134 as compared to 130 during 1996-97.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The various measures adopted for enhancement of capacity utilisation include modernisation of plant and machinery, technology upgradation, training and human resource development, provision of captive power plants, improved marketing strategy, etc. Technical collaborations are entered into for modernisation. Machinery is replaced wherever situations permit. Joint venture formation, business and financial restructuring are also resorted to in order to technologically upgrade plants.