

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

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NAVRATNA'S PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many public sector undertakings are facing stiff competition following liberalisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, particularly with regard to `Navratna` PSUs; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to equip these PSUs to sustain competition and their level of operation?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : Some of the Public Sector Units, including a few Navratana Enterprises, are facing competition in sectors like Steel, Power Generation Equipment, Chemicals & Petrochemicals, light engineering etc. Government have taken various steps to strengthen these PSUs which include professionalisation of Boards, enhanced delegation of power to PSU boards, formation of joint ventures, technology upgradation, modernization, capital restructuring, rationalization of manpower etc.