GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2374 ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006 REVIVAL OF HMTS . Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

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

- (a) Whether all the units of the Hindustan Machine Tools (HMTs) are incurring losses for the past several years;
- (b) If so, the details of losses incurred during each of the last three years;
- (c) The details of the financial assistance provided to the HMT during the last three years; and
- (d) The steps taken or proposed to be taken for revival of HMT?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) & (b): Most of the HMT group of companies are incurring losses for the past several years. Details of profit/losses incurred in respect of HMT Ltd. & its subsidiaries during the last three years are as under:

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(Rupees in crores)
Name of Company 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06
HMT Ltd. -7.19 18.50 12.74
HMT (International) Ltd. 0.13 0.07 0.23
HMT Machine Tools Ltd. -119.08 -73.80 -13.59
HMT Watches Ltd. -134.81 -73.80 -74.71
HMT Chinar Watches Ltd. -21.92 -25.23 -29.08
HMT Bearings Ltd. -9.58 -10.38 -0.65
Praga Tools Ltd. 16.04 -34.39 -7.02
Provisional - Subject to audit.
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(c): The Financial assistance provided by Government of India to HMT Ltd. & its subsidiaries during the last three years is as under:

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Year Rupees in crores
2003-04 226.34
2004-05 162.70
2005-06 129.56
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(d): HMT Ltd. & its subsidiaries have formulated comprehensive revival/restructuring plans to address the specific issues related to high operational cost due to dispersed and vertically integrated manufacturing facilities, high cost of man power vis-Ã -vis turnover levels achieved, product & process constraints, high level of borrowings. The proposed revival/restructuring plans aim to address the above issues through organizational financial restructuring, rationalization of manpower, upgradation of plant & machinery etc. & partnership with renowned overseas manufacturers. Revival plans of HMT group of companies are at various stages of consideration by the Government and implementation where approved by the Government.