

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF POWER GENERATION EQUIPMENTS

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Power Ministry looks beyond Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) for high-end equipment as reported in the Business Standard dated the January 29, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) : Considering the massive capacity addition programme envisaged in the next 20-25 years, the Ministry of Power is of the view that there is a need for substantial step up of world class power equipment manufacturing capability including Supercritical Thermal Power Units in the country. The Ministry supports the development and diversification of power generation equipment with the objective of increasing competition vendor choice among domestic manufacturers and improvement in supply schedules and quality.