

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:67

ANSWERED ON:19.02.2009

IMPACT OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN ON HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES .

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

(a) whether the Government has taken/ proposes to take steps to keep the Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises unaffected by the ongoing global economic slowdown;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken to downsize the strength of workers in the Public Enterprises in view of the global economic recession; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 67 FOR ANSWER ON 19TH February, 2009 REGARDING IMPACT OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN ON HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (d): So far as the Public Sector Enterprises under the Department of Heavy Industry are concerned,they have shown on an aggregate basis a positive growth in turnover of 25.46% in the first 9 month of the current financial year 2008-09. However, out of total 32 operating PSEs, 17 PSEs have shown a negative growth.As per the policy under the National Minimum programme, revival/restructuring is attempted for sick/loss making PSEs.Such revival plans include fresh investment/waiver,manpower rationalization, conversion of loan into equity, technological upgradation etc.Revival/restructuring plan in 15 such PSEs have been approved by the Government. Manpower rationalization is undertaken if sanctioned in the revival plan. Government have also announced two stimulus packages during the last five months in the wake of economic slowdown.

(c) No, Sir.