

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

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

- (a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is planning to invest Rs. 2000 crore in the solar power manufacturing segment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to check the Chinese domination in this sector?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): BHEL is contemplating to set up a total integrated plant starting from poly-silicon to photo-voltaic (PV) systems including silicon wafer, solar cell and module, involving an investment of approx. Rs. 2,000 Crore. However, as the indigenous manufacturing capacities set up by other domestic manufacturers are being grossly under-utilized due to cheaper imports from China, BHEL's investment plans have been put on hold. However, the BHEL Board has recently approved, in-principle, a proposal for manufacturing PV modules. Future investments will be made after a incentive for domestic industry are put in place by the Government.

(c) Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties, Ministry of Commerce & Industry has issued notification No.14/5/2012-DGAD dated 23.11.2012 regarding "Initiation of Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Solar Cells whether or not assembled partially or fully in Modules or Panels or on glass or some other suitable substrates, originating in or exported from Malaysia, China PR, Chinese Taipei and USA".