

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

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TECHNOLOGY USED IN PSUS
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are adopting obsolete technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, PSU-wise;
- (c) whether these undertakings are incurring huge loss due to obsolete technology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures, taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIPRAFUL PATEL)

- (a) & (b): Development in technology is a continuous process. Generally CPSEs have been inducting new technology in production/provision of goods and services. Detail of technologies used by CPSEs is not maintained centrally.
- (c) and (d): As per Public Enterprises Survey 2011-12, out of 225 operating Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) as on 31.3.2012, 43 CPSEs have been continuously making losses for the last 3 years. The reasons for losses are enterprise specific, which inter-alia include lack of working capital, surplus manpower, old plant and machinery, change in market condition, heavy interest burden, weak marketing strategy etc.
- (e): The Government established the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 to advise the Government for strengthening, modernization, reviving and restructuring of CPSEs. While recommending the revival of sick CPSEs, BRPSE has recommended induction of new technology wherever required. Based on the recommendations of BRPSE, Government has approved a sum of Rs.1289.52 crores for purchase of technology / machinery plant up-gradation / modernization in 16 CPSEs.