

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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DISINVESTMENT OF MMTC
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to sell the Government equity in MMTC Limited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details regarding current status of the proposal for disinvestment prepared in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)to(c) Policy on disinvestment was articulated in the President's Address to the Joint Session of Parliament on 4th June, 2009 and reiterated in Finance Minister's Budget Speech on 6th July, 2009. It has been articulated that the citizens should own a part of the shares of public sector undertakings. While retaining at least 51% Government equity in the enterprises, people's participation would be encouraged.

Presently, Government of India shareholding in MMTC is 99.34%. It has been decided to divest 10% of Government's equity of MMTC. The decision has been informed to Department of Disinvestment who are preparing roadmap for divesture for the year 2009-10.