

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

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ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

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

- (a) whether the Government has worked out a plan to boost the development of electrical e quipment industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made so far in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a): Yes, Madam. For the rapid development of the domestic electrical equipment industry and to enhance its competitiveness, Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises has prepared the Indian Electrical Equipment Industry Mission Plan 2012-22, which was launched on 24.07.2013.

(b): In the Indian Electrical Equipment Industry Mission Plan 2012-22, five areas have been identified for strategic and policy interventions, both by the government and the industry.

These are

- (i) industry competitiveness,
- (ii) technology upgradation,
- (iii) skills development,
- (iv) exports and
- (v) conversion of latent demand.

(c) : Post launch of the Mission Plan, Department of Heavy Industry on 13th September 2013 set up two Inter-Ministerial Groups (IMGs) to formulate a cogent and common approach to deal with the various recommended interventions under the key areas. Members of the IMGs include all the concerned Government Ministries / Departments, industry representatives and IEEMA.

Two meetings of the IMGs have taken place on 28th October 2013 and 22nd April 2014. Apart from other issues, IMGs looked into ways to provide a level playing field in India for domestic manufacturers to compete vis-À-vis imported equipment, focus on international standardisation, upgradation of testing facilities, standardisation of product ratings and specifications, equitable contract conditions, reducing the transaction costs of exports, industry initiatives, addressing technical barriers to exports, studies to be conducted, expert committee on R&D for electrical equipment industry, nuclear power plants, skills development, encouraging innovation by students.