GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:440 ANSWERED ON:14.07.2014 REVIVAL OF ITI UNIT Rajesh Shri M. B.

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for revival of Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Limited;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of implementation of revival package;
- (c) whether as part of revival package Government proposes to convert ITI Palakkad in Kerala into Strategic Business Unit of Defence Research and Development Organisation;
- (d) if so, the status of the proposal; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the financial position of ITI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 12th February 2014 has approved a revival package of Rs. 4156.79 Crore for ITI Limited consisting of Rs. 1892.79 Cr. As grant-in-aid towards existing statutory Liabilities, Voluntary Retirement Scheme, Wage Arrears of 1997 pay revision and Establishment cost during project implementation and waiver of government guarantee fee etc.; and Rs. 2264 Crore as equity infusion for implementing new projects and up-gradation of manufacturing infrastructure in the Production Units. As part of revival, Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and ITI Limited have drawn strategies for diversification of product lines in ITI.

Pending release of financial package, ITI plants have initiated preliminary actions. Revival plan implementation and Monitoring committees have been set up at Unit and Corporate levels in ITI and an Apex Committee with representatives from Department of Expenditure and Department of Public Enterprises has been set up at DoT level also.

- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.
- (e) In order to improve financial position of M/s ITI Limited, the Government has approved the revival package as mentioned in (b) above.