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Title : Need to retain the status of Indian Telephone Industries Limited, Palakkad as a Central PSU.

SHRI M.B. RAJESH (PALAKKAD): Indian Telephone Industries Limited, (ITI) Palakkad is one of the few CPSUs in Kerala. This is also one among the six units of ITI in the country. This is the only unit which is making profits. Palakkad unit of ITI has been continuously making profit for the last 13 years. Net profit of this unit over this period is Rs. 540.43 crore and the payment to the exchequer is Rs. 640.78 crore. This unit has the state of the art manufacturing facility with manpower strength of qualified and competent 600 personnel. But now, as part of a revival package approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic affairs (CCEA), ITI Limited has invited EOI inviting consultants for formation of joint ventures in three units. Further DOT secretary has declared that Department of Communication has decided to separate the six units of ITI Limited and Government is willing to considered various option including outright sale. The corporate office has demanded Palakkad unit to share the interest burden of the loss making units. This will take Palakkad unit also into a loss making unit. Hence, I urge upon the Government to intervene and prevent the sale of the Palakkad ITI unit and also ensure that this unit continues to be working in Public Sector.