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Title: Need to review the functioning of Public Sector Undertakings.

SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN (NOWGONG) : The operating expenditure of Air India in comparison to other private operators is almost double. The manpower engaged per aircraft is also about 80% high in comparison to some other private air traffic operator. The pilots of the Air India are paid 60% higher salary and perks than some other private operators and still the pilots of Air India have agitated for hike of their salary and perks while the balance sheet of the organization showing crores of losses year after years. The Government should identify reasons of all the loss making PSUs and should take appropriate steps to stop luxury enjoyed by a section of people at the cost of tax payers money. Again, it is observed that some PSUs with multi unit operation have been making losses due to poor operation or closure of a particular unit(s). In such cases, the PSUs may be advised to initiate appropriate action on such close/sick units to rectify overall performance of the PSU instead of disinvestment.