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Review of loss-making Public Sector Undertakings

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PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have propose to review all the loss-making Public Sector Undertakings as reported in the Indian Express dated 22 November, 1990;

(b) if so, whether the Government have identified those undertakings which are continuously running in loss;

(c) if so, the total number of such undertakings and the total capital investment thereof;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating privatization of such units so as to make them viable; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to make them viable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (e). There are 47 Central Public Enterprises which have been continuously running on loss for the last five years. Investments made in these enterprises as on 31.3.1989 amounted to Rs. 6855 crores.

Review of the working of Central Public Sector Enterprises inclusive of loss-making enterprises is a continuous process and appropriate measures are taken on case to case basis by the Ministry/Department concerned.

Broadcasting of Hindi News Bulletins from AIR

1831. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:
SHRI RAMESHWAR
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SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA:
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SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:
SHRI NANI BHATT
ACHARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi news bulletins broadcasting from Jalandhar, Chandigarh and some other stations of Punjab and also from Silchar station have been suspended;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether AIR's regional Hindi news unit is also likely to be shifted from Chandigarh to Rohtak;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the time by which these broadcasts are likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and

(b). Apprehending grave security threat, the staff of All India Radio, Chandigarh discontinued the broadcast of Regional Hindi News Bulletins from 10.12.1990 and All India Radio, Jalandhar also did not relay this Bulletin. The All India Radio, Jalandhar, however, continued to relay the Central News Bulletin in Hindi. All India Radio, Silchar had dropped the relay of three News Bulletins as part of the half-yearly revision of their Fixed point chart;

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f). The Government has tightened the security measures at All India Radio Complex. The broadcast of all the Hindi News Bulletins have since been resumed from All India Radio, Chandigarh with effect from 18.12.1990 and All India Radio, Jalandhar continues to broadcast the News Bulletins as before.

Implementation of Recommendations of Third wage Board for Sugar Industry

1832. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether recommendations of the Third Wage Board for sugar industry have since been implemented in all sugar producing States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the States which have not implemented the recommendations so far and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) By and large the Sugar producing States

have implemented the recommendations of Third Wage Board for Sugar Industry. Some State Government such as Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka have even given more pay and allowances than recommended by the Third Wage Board for Sugar Industry;

(c) The requisite information from West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan is not available.

Ballistic Missiles

1833. SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has achieved the technical expertise to make long range ballistic missiles;

(b) if so, to what extent this long-range missile is proposed to be inducted in the army; and

(c) whether any other action plan has been drawn up to strengthen it further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJOY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The AGNI system flight tested in 1989 was only a technology demonstrator to establish the sophisticated technologies relating to long range missiles. No further work is planned for strengthening of its capabilities or induction in the Army.

J and K Detenues

1834. SHRI PIYARE LAL HANDOO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the number of detenues of the Jammu and Kashmir who are lodged in jails, outside the State territory?