

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

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STRIKE BY EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS .
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Central Trade Unions had observed a token strike on February 2, 2000 in the country in protest against Government's bid to destroy the public sector undertakings and its coercive economic policies.
- (b) whether the Union Government have received any request from these trade unions about their demands;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government are taking steps or propose to take steps to accept the demands of the Central Trade Unions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (e): Workers of some Public Sector Undertakings observed a one day strike on February 2, 2000 in response to a call by three Central Trade Unions, viz., All India Trade Union Congress, Centre of Indian Trade Unions and Hind Mazdoor Sabha. The Strike notice of the trade unions was against all forms of privatization and disinvestment, non-revival and closure of sick PSUs, Non-payment of wages in many PSUs, guidelines of DPE on wage revision, alleged attack on trade union rights and labour laws. A Group of Ministers has been reconstituted to go into various issues relating to CPSUs.