

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:548  
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2001  
CLOSURE OF HMT UNIT AT HYDERABAD  
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

**Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to close down the HMT Watch Unit at Hyderabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reactions therefor;
- (c) whether the State Government have sought Union Government to reconsider the decision; and
- (d) if so, the status of the request made by Andhra Pradesh Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b):A turnaround plan has been approved for HMT which proposes various measures like financial, organisational restructuring, etc. The plan also provides for closure of some of its unviable, perennially loss making units, including the Watch Unit at Hyderabad.

(c) & (d):Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have already been informed that the decision was taken after due consideration.