

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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WORKING OF BHEL
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have reviewed the working of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited especially in export front;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether BHEL has decided to enter into Power distribution business in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the BHEL is well equipped to venture in this business; and
- (f) if not, the measures to be taken before entering into this field?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND MINIST PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): The Government have been from time to time reviewing the performance of BHEL including on the export front. The order booking in export front has increased from Rs.250 crores in 1998-99 to Rs.1455 crores in 2002-03. The physical export turnover increased from Rs.69 crores in 1998-99 to Rs.637 crores in 2002-03

(c) & (d): BHEL has plans to enter into Power Distribution Business as a long term objective. BHEL is already supplying equipment and systems like Switchgears, Energy Meters, Insulators, SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) etc. for this business sector. It is also taking turnkey contracts for the supply, erection and commissioning of 33 and 11 KV substations.

(e) & (f): BHEL is already catering to Transmission and distribution Business with its systems and products such as High Voltage Director Current (HVDC) & High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) Systems, Compensation and Improvement Systems Transformers, Switchgear, Controls, Capacitors, Insulators, Energy Meters etc. Besides, it has also the experience of managing its own delegated distribution networks in its manufacturing units and townships. Leveraging these strengths, BHEL is hopeful of addressing the emerging business opportunities.