

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

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INVESTMENT IN LOSS MAKING PSUs  
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**Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that 49 heavy industries are being run in the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
- (b) if so, the total number of such industries which are incurring losses for the last several years;
- (c) the total loss accumulated by these PSUs as on the March 31, 2005;
- (d) the total amount invested in these loss making industries during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the steps being taken to improve the working of these loss making industries?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
(SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

- (a) In all there are 242 Public Sector Enterprises of which 48 are Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the administrative control of the Department of Heavy Industry out of which 34 PSEs are presently in operation.
- (b) 23 PSEs out of 34 have made losses continuously for the last three years.
- (c) Audited results for all PSEs for the year 2004-05 are not available. However, accumulated loss as on 31st March 2004 for these 23 PSEs was Rs.11732.10 cr.
- (d) The total amount invested in some of the loss making PSEs as plan budgetary support by the Government during each of the last three years is as under:-

2002-03	Rs.20.59	cr.
2003-04	Rs.54.38	cr.
2004-05	Rs.35.00	cr.
- (e) The National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) envisages that while every effort will be made to modernize/restructure sick public sector companies and revive sick industry, chronically loss making companies will either be sold off, or closed, after all workers have got their legitimate dues and compensation. Accordingly, a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) has been constituted to make recommendations on the revivability and future of the PSEs. 20 PSEs of the Department of Heavy Industry have already been referred to the BRPSE. BRPSE has made recommendations on revival measures including financial restructuring, fresh infusion of funds, manpower rationalisation etc. for some of these PSEs.