

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1266  
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REVIVAL OF NON -STRATEGIC PSEs  
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**Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has categorized its Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) into strategic and non -strategic PSEs ;
- (b) if so, the details of PSEs in each of the categories;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to sell out most of the non-strategic PSEs;
- (d) if so, the details and the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken to revive the non-strategic PSEs?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Government had on 16th March, 1999, classified Public Sector Enterprises into strategic and non-strategic areas for the purpose of disinvestment. It was decided that the Strategic Public Sector Enterprises would be those in the areas of :

# Arms and ammunitions and the allied items of defence equipment, defence air-crafts and warships;

# Atomic energy (except in the areas related to the generation of nuclear power and applications of radiation and radio-isotopes to agriculture, medicine and non-strategic industries);

# Railways transport.

All other Public Sector Enterprises were to be considered non-strategic.

(c) to (e) The present policy on Public Sector is governed by National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP). The policy provides that while every effort will be made to modernize and 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. The UPA will induct private industry to turn-around companies that have potential for revival. Government had constituted Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 to undertake task of strengthening, modernizing, reviving, and restructuring of public sector enterprises. BRPSE has given its recommendation in respect of 36 cases of CPSEs. Based on the same Government has approved revival plans of 20 CPSEs.