GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1624 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2018

Closure of private and public industries

1624: SHRI P.L.PUNIA:

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

- (a) the number of private and public industries closed and the number of industries incurring losses, during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government has received any proposals to restart these industries or to make them profitable and if so, the details of action taken thereon: and
- (c) the number of people whose employment has got directly or indirectly affected due to closure of such industries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

(SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (c) As per information available from Ministries/Departments, 6 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) have been closed during the last three years i.e. from 2015-16 to 2017-18 and only one employee was on rolls of these CPSEs. The Department of Public Enterprises does not maintain information of private companies. There were 79, 81 and 71 CPSEs incurring losses during 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively. The proposals to restart closed down CPSEs or making loss incurring CPSEs profitable is dealt with by the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments and the management of concerned CPSEs. The reasons for losses differ from CPSE to CPSE. However, some common problems faced by loss making CPSEs include obsolete plants and machinery, heavy interest burden, resource crunch, low capacity utilization, low productivity, surplus manpower, high input cost,non-remunerative price etc.