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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2671 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9th July, 2019

Technological Gap of CPSEs

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to meet the technological gap of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has entered into any joint venture/collaboration with international organizations to increase the output of productivity of CPSEs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARVIND GANAPAT SAWANT)

- (a) and (b): The Government has implemented Maharatna, Navratna and Miniratna scheme for Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under which the Boards of these CPSEs have been delegated powers, inter-alia, to enter technology joint ventures or strategic alliances and to obtain by purchase or other arrangement technology and knowhow as per Government guidelines. Further, 'R&D, Innovation, Technology up-gradation' has been included as a non-financial parameter under the system of Memorandum of Understanding for CPSEs (except for CPSEs in the financial sector) with a weight of up to 10% in order to provide focus on efforts of management of CPSEs in this regard.
- (c) and (d): All CPSEs function under the administrative jurisdiction of concerned Ministry/Departments. The Board of Directors of a CPSE is responsible for regular review of performance of the concerned CPSE and to decide on steps to be taken for enhancing output/productivity of the company as per its operational needs and business plans with the approval of the competent authority. The concerned administrative Ministry/Department also undertakes periodic review of performance of CPSEs under their respective jurisdiction to facilitate policy interventions required for enhancing output/productivity of concerned CPSE(s).
