

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 358
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2025

REVITALIZING OF HMT KALAMASSERY UNIT

358. SHRI HIBI EDEN:

Will the Minister of **HEAVY INDUSTRIES** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the operational profit figures of the Kalamassery unit between 2014 and 2023 have influenced the Centre's decision to focus on its expansion and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether adequate measures propose to be taken to address the shortage of working capital for the Kalamassery unit and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a roadmap to increase the staff strength in the Kalamassery unit to match the demands of expansion and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Centre has a specific plan to expand the operations of the HMT Kalamassery unit, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the expansion plans include introducing new manufacturing technologies or product lines in the Kalamassery unit; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI BHUPATHIRAJU SRINIVASA VARMA)

(a) to (f): Kalamassery Unit is one of the six manufacturing units of HMT Machine Tools Limited, a subsidiary of HMT Limited. In view of the declining performance of HMT Machine Tools Limited with continuous losses, there is a need to upgrade its technological capability and product diversification. To address this, the Government, vide order dated 01.11.2024, has constituted a Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of **Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat, Member, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)** to work out the recommendations and way forward for revival of HMT Machine Tools Limited and submit a Technical Report considering all influencing factors viz. available plant & machinery, manpower, business environment, competitors, technology upgradation requirement, etc.
