

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016

Closure of three unviable HMT units

204. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to close down the three unviable HMT units and if so, names of those three units;
- (b) whether Government has also decided to stop manufacturing watches; and
- (c) if so, the fate of the employees of the three unviable units of HMT and whether they would be offered an attractive Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) linked to 2007 pay scales together with a detailed report thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

(a) and (b): Yes Sir. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs(CCEA) in its meeting held on 06.01.2016 has approved the closure of the following subsidiaries of HMT Limited:-

HMT Watches Ltd.
HMT Chinar Watches Ltd.
HMT Bearing Ltd.

(c): As per the CCEA approval all the employees of these companies would be offered attractive VRS package on 2007 notional pay scales with gratuity and leave encashment also at 2007 notional pay scales, in relaxation of DPE guidelines while those not opting for VRS would be retrenched under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
