

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 246
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2018

Privatisation of Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Kerala

*246. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to privatise the Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL), Velloor, Kottayam, Kerala;
- (b) whether Government has received a request from the State Government of Kerala expressing their willingness to take over the HNL; and
- (c) if so, whether Government has taken any decisions in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI ANANT G. GEETE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 246 for answer on 9th August 2018 regarding 'Privatisation of Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Kerala' raised by Shri Elamaram Kareem.

(a) Yes, Sir. Government has given '*in principle*' approval for strategic disinvestment of 100% shareholding of Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited (HPC), a wholly owned Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) of Government of India Company, in Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL) to a strategic buyer to be identified through a two stage auction process.

(b) Government has received requests dated 13.6.2018 and 26.06.2018 from the State Government of Kerala expressing their willingness to take over the assets of HNL through mutual consultation.

(c) No decision has been taken.
