

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 810
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.04.2015

Closure of Hindustan Cables Limited

810. SHRI RAJ BABBAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken a decision to close down the Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL), Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof and details of other Public Sector Units (PSUs) to be closed down;
- (b) the number of employees who will become jobless after the closure of HCL;
- (c) whether earlier the Ministry of Defence and the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam had approved takeover of HCL; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for failure of takeover bid of HCL by the Ministry of Defence and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes Sir. Government has decided to close down the Hindustan Cables Limited. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, in its meeting held on 29.12.2014, has accorded its 'in principle' approval for closure of Hindustan Cables Limited and certain other PSUs namely, HMT (Bearings) Limited, HMT (Watches) Limited, HMT (Chinar Watches) Limited and Tungbhadra Steel Products Limited.

(b): Total number of employees in HCL as on 31.3.2015 is 1543.

(c): Ministry of Defence in Feb.2013 had conveyed its 'in principle' approval for takeover of HCL by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. had not approved the takeover of HCL.

(d): In this regard, a meeting was held with the Ministry of Defence on 11.3.2015 wherein it was decided that the Ordnance Factory Board under Ministry of Defence can not takeover HCL. However, Ministry of Defence is examining the possibility of takeover of HCL by any other Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under its control. A decision on the same is awaited. The position with regard to Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. is stated in para (c) above.
