

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF STEEL

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1208
FOR ANSWER ON 07/03/2013

SCHEMES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS

1208. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to make public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Steel, profitable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of loss making PSUs, the amount of loss involved therein and reasons therefor,;
- (d) whether any action has been taken to shut down these loss making PSUs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STEEL

(SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)&(b): Each public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Steel is required to take necessary measures to remain competitive and commercially viable. Accordingly, public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Steel are required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government indicating annual physical and financial targets. Based on the same, their performance is periodically reviewed by the Ministry of Steel and finally evaluated & graded by the Department of Public Enterprises on annual basis.

(c) At present, there are two loss making public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Steel, namely, Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL) and The Bisra Stone Lime Company Limited (BSLC) involving accumulated loss of ₹1630 crore approximately. Reasons for losses are unplanned induction of manpower, slowdown in steel sector, non-availability of mining equipments, irregular market demand etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.
