

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3234**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON. 07.08.2018**

**Delinking of HNL**

3234. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received letters from the Chief Minister of Kerala regarding the delinking of Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL), Kerala from Hindustan Paper Corporation and making it an independent enterprises directly under the control of Department of Heavy Industries, as well as to provide HNL with financial assistance so as to make it a profitable entity;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has accepted these suggestions; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to implement the suggestions received in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Based on the decision of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, strategic disinvestment of HNL has been initiated.

(c): Does not arise.

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