

**HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2614
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.07.2019**

Revival of HMT, Ranibagh

2614. SHRI AJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) the date when Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) factory Ranibagh, Haldwani, Uttarakhand was established and the number of employees appointed in the factory at the time of opening;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the above HMT factory has been shut down and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any action to secure the future of those workers and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide appropriate compensation to the people affected by such decision and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make efforts to revive the unit by way of establishing any other undertaking on the said land which covers a large area and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT)**

(a) to (e):The Ranibagh factory of HMT Watches Limited was established on 12.11.1982 with total employee strength of 986. This company is incurring continuous losses since 1993 and even being unable to meet the fund requirement for salary of its employees. Therefore, the proposal for closure of HMT Watches Limited was approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 06.01.2016.

In pursuance of the CCEA decision, HMT Watches including the Watch Factory at Ranibagh has been closed by offering attractive VRS/VSS to the employees of the Company, as per 2007 pay scales, to the employee who have opted for the same. Remaining employees have been discharged after paying retrenchment compensation.

Since company is already closed, question of establishing any other undertaking does not arise.
