

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.202**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016**

**SC/ST employees in loss making subsidiaries of HMT Ltd.**

202. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to close the operation of three loss making subsidiaries of HMT Ltd. and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of SC/ST employees engaged in these subsidiaries of HMT Ltd.; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by Government to rehabilitate/providing reemployment to those SC/ST employees?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Yes Sir. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs(CCEA) in its meeting held on 06.01.2016 has approved the closure of the following subsidiaries of HMT Limited:-

HMT Watches Ltd.  
HMT Chinar Watches Ltd.  
HMT Bearing Ltd.

The companies have been incurring heavy losses and are on budgetary support for payment of salaries and other statutory dues to their employees for last several years. All efforts made by the Government in past for their revival did not achieve the desired results. Further, there is apparently no chance for their revival in the prevailing economic scenario; the Government has decided to close down the above companies, by offering attractive VRS/VSS package to their employees.

(b):

The number of SC/ST employees		
Company	SC	ST
HMT Watches Limited	123	14
HMT Chinar Watches Ltd.	2	-
HMT Bearings Ltd.	10	1

(c): As per the CCEA approval, all the employees of these companies would be offered attractive VRS package on 2007 notional pay scales with gratuity and leave encashment also at 2007 notional pay scales, in relaxation of DPE guidelines.

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