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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.203 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.02.2016

Poor performance of HMT tractors at Pinjore

203. SHRI D. RAJA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that HMT tractors at Pinjore has been facing severe funds crunch and it is manufacturing only about 1,200 tractors a year against the capacity of 8,500 dwindling the HMT market share to a mere 0.25 per cent of the total production of about 6,25,000 tractors a year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons for the poor performance of the HMT tractors; and
- (c) the measures being taken to solve the problems and revive the company?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC

ENTERPRISES (SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWARA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. HMT Tractors at Pinjore has been facing severe finance crunch due to which the performance of Tractor business has been severely affected and its market share has dwindled. The Year wise sales at Tractor Division is as below:-

Financial Year	No. of Tractors sold
2010-2011	4920
2011-2012	3639
2012-2013	2005
2013-2014	1488
2014-2015	1127
2015-16 (uptoDec, 2015)	625

Over the years the manufacturing capacity of the plan has reduced due to aged and obsolete machinery. Additionally, factors like severe working capital constraints, surplus manpower, high average employee age, low turnover per employee, stiff competition etc. has contributed to the poor performance.

(c): The Board of HMT Ltd. has inter alia, suggested for restructuring of HMT Ltd. with focus on Machine Tools Sector.
