

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 426
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

HANDOVER OF INSTRUMENTATION LIMITED, PALAKKAD

426. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:
DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Cabinet had given 'in principle' approval for transfer of Palakkad unit of Instrumentation Limited to Government of Kerala, if so, when;
- (b) the status of transferring the Palakkad unit of Instrumentation Limited to Government of Kerala;
- (c) the reasons for the undue delay in handover of the unit;
- (d) the time by which the Central Government intends to complete the transfer process; and
- (e) whether the Ministry is taking any steps regarding the handover of the unit, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a) to (e): The Union Cabinet had approved on 30.11.2016 the closure of the Kota Unit of Instrumentation Limited and accorded 'in principle' approval for the transfer of Palakkad Unit of Instrumentation Limited to the Government of Kerala (GoK). The GoK constituted a High Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the GoK to work out the modalities of the transfer, Ministry of Heavy Industries was represented on the Committee. Based on its deliberations, a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Government of India, Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI), Government of Kerala, Department of Industry and Instrumentation Limited on 16.11.2018 defining the modalities of transfer of Pallakad Unit to the Government of Kerala as a 'going concern' with the approval of the competent authority.

After signing of the MoU, while the required assessment of Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Pallakad Unit was underway, it was learnt that the High Level Committee had not taken into consideration the value of land owned by Pallakad Unit, measuring 566.30 acres which was assigned on registry to Instrumentation Limited, Kota for the establishment of Precision Instrumentation Project at Pudussery Kerala under the Rules of Assignment of Government Land for Industrial Purposes dated 30.03.1964, which has material bearing on the transfer modalities. The value of this land owned by Instrumentation Limited has not yet been assessed.
