

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 872
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019

TAKE OVER OF INSTRUMENTATION LIMITED

872. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

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

- (a) whether Government had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or agreement with Kerala Government for taking over the Instrumentation Limited, Palakkad;
- (b) the reason for not handing over the unit to Kerala Government;
- (c) whether Government had provided necessary land for establishing the 'Instrumentation Limited' in Palakkad, total cost and the estimated value of land then and now; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government was told to pay the value of the land in possession of Instrumentation Limited, Palakkad to Central Government for handing over the unit?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES & PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

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

After the signing of the MoU, while the required assessment of Net Asset Value (NAV) of the Palakkad Unit was underway, it was learnt that the High Level Committee had not taken into consideration the value of land owned by the Palakkad Unit, measuring 566.30 acres which was assigned on registry to Instrumentation Limited, Kota for the establishment of Precision Instrumentation Project at Pudukkottai 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.
