Review of the performance of Navratna and Miniratna enterprises—grant/divestment of status thereof.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, the issue of performance of Navratna and Miniratna Central Public Sector Undertakings vis-à-vis divestment of their status or the need to grant the Navratna/Miniratna status to the new enterprises, as the case may be, were engaging the attention of the Government.

2. Consequently, the matter has been reviewed by the Government. It has now been decided that henceforth the review of performance of the Navratna and Miniratna enterprises and divestment of their status or grant of Navratna or Miniratna status, as the case may be, would be decided in the following manner.

(i) Apex Committee, headed by the Cabinet Secretary in the case of Navratna enterprises and Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by the Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises in the cas of Miniratna enterprises would regularly review the performance of such companies.

(ii) A comprehensive review would be undertaken every three years by the above mentioned respective committees with regard to maintenance of the Navratna/Miniratna status. The Apex Committee would lay down the format for such a review.

(iii) The Apex committee would also review the operations of Navratna/ Miniratna schemes every three years and would make recommendations in regard to further delegation of autonomy to these enterprises.

(iv) The recommendations of the Apex committee, if any, for divestment of the Navratna status would be put up to the Minister (Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises) for approval through the Minister in-charge of the administrative Ministry concerned. In case of any disagreement, the matter would be put up to the Cabinet.

(v) The recommendations of the divestment of Miniratna status would be dealt with by concerned administrative Ministry only.

(vi) Recommendations for accordance of Navratna status to a CPSU would ordinarily not be placed before the Cabinet. Based on the recommendations of the Apex Committee these would be placed before the Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises for taking a final decision. But as in (iv) above, in case of disagreement, the matter would be put up to the Cabinet.

3. The administrative Ministries/Departments may please note the content of the above Government decisions and suitably bring this to the notice of the enterprises under their administrative control.

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