

Turing selected public sector units into global giants—monitoring of performance towards globalization effort.

The Common Minimum Programme of the Government states, inter-alia, that Government will identify public sector companies that have comparative advantages and support them in their drive to become global giants. In pursuance of these objectives, the Government have already issued guidelines for restructuring of the Boards of nine identified public sector enterprises and grant of autonomy on various issues, vide two OMs of even number dated the 22nd July, 1997.

2. With the grant of autonomy and the measures taken for restructuring of the PSE Boards, it is necessary that monitoring of the performance of these PSEs is done with utmost seriousness. In this regard, the Government feel that the monitoring of the performance of the enterprises should be done primarily by their own Boards. The administrative Ministry should also continue to monitor the performance. The performance assessments should be carried out preferably on a quarterly basis, by a team consisting of the Secretary of the administrative Ministry, the Chief Executives of the PSE concern and one more outside expert.

3. At the apex level, however, a Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary has been set up as a forum for inter-Ministerial discussions and continuous overview of the globalisation effort. This Committee would include Member Secretary, Planning Commission, Finance Secretary or Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance, the Secretary of the administrative Ministry concern and the Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises. The Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises is the Convener.

4. The formulation of specific vision statements, micro-level strategies and implementation of various measures have to be done by the PSEs. The selected nine enterprises should complete their vision statement and draw up the outline of the strategy and present the proposals to the Department of Public Enterprises for submission to the Committee of Secretaries at the earliest, but not later than 90 days after the date of issue of this OM. This would be a dynamic exercise subject to modifications, but a basic picture and vision must emerge at the earliest. Periodic monitoring, specifically in the context of globalization vision, targets and strategies would be done by the Committee of Secretaries.

5. The above monitoring mechanism may please be brought to the notice of the Navratna enterprises under your administrative control.

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