

BRIEF OF HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH DURING CPSE CONCLAVE ON 9TH APRIL 2018 AT VIGYAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI

Prime Minister said that the Union Government has given operational freedom to the public sector undertakings, so that they can improve their performance. He said PSUs have contributed significantly in nation-building, and in the nation's economy, since independence.

He said that for Public Sector Enterprises, both profit and generating social benefit are important. Complementing the PSE employees for their contribution, the Prime Minister said that major objectives of the Government, such as electrifying all un-electrified villages, and providing LPG connections to the poor, could not have been fulfilled without the hard work of the PSE workers.

The Prime Minister said that it is not enough to rest on past laurels, but is also important to adapt to emerging challenges. He said enterprise and innovation should be the guiding principles in the 21st century. He said Incentives, Imagination and Institution Building would be the three keys to success.

The Prime Minister exhorted PSEs to help in making the New India, through changes in technology and processes. For this he said, PSEs would need a 5-P formula - Performance, Process, Persona, Procurement and Prepare.

Elaborating the same, he mentioned improving operational and financial performance; transparency and accountability in processes; procurement through the GeM platform and from MSMEs; and preparation for technological disruptions such as Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing and Robotics.

He set five challenges before the PSEs, for New India:

- By 2022, how will Indian PSUs maximize their geo-strategic reach?
- By 2022, how will Indian PSUs minimize the country's import bill?
- By 2022, how will Indian PSUs integrate innovation and research?

- By 2022, what will be the roadmap for Indian PSUs to optimally utilize their CSR Fund?
- By 2022, what new development model will Indian PSUs give to the country?

The Prime Minister said that out of the 500 biggest companies in the world, one-fourth belong to the public sector in some country. He suggested that Indian PSUs can link with PSUs with other countries, and develop a comprehensive strategy for overseas investment. He said PSUs can also play a key role in reducing India's import bill. Noting that CPSEs have modern R&D infrastructure, in addition to the facilities that exist in CSIR and ICAR etc., the Prime Minister said that innovation and research now need to be integrated. In this context, he called for greater information sharing among CPSEs and Government Departments.

The Prime Minister suggested that the CSR spend of CPSEs should be focused largely on one specific theme each year. In this context, he noted the success that was achieved when this CSR spend was utilized for toilet construction in schools. He said one good theme could be the development of aspirational districts. He said CPSEs can also take up skill development programmes, as part of CSR.

The Prime Minister said CPSEs can work as role models in many areas such as paperless work culture, cashless transactions, and waste management.

The Prime Minister expressed hope that CPSEs would participate in a big way in realizing the resolve of New India.

The Prime Minister asked the senior officials of CPSEs to come up with a roadmap along with the measurable targets within 100 days to achieve the envisaged vision.

