

## Public Enterprise Policy

7.18 The main elements of Government Policy towards Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are:

- Bring down Government equity in all non-strategic PSUs to 26 per cent or lower, if necessary;
- Restructure and revive potentially viable PSUs;
- Close down PSUs which cannot be revived; and
- Fully protect the interest of workers.

7.19 In order to give thrust to the process of disinvestment in PSUs, a new Department of Disinvestment has been set up. The Department is responsible for all matters related to disinvestment of Central Government equity in Central Public Sector Undertakings, implementation of disinvestment decisions and recommendations of the erstwhile Disinvestment Commission.

7.20 The Union Budget (2000-2001) proposed to raise Rs. 10,000 crore through disinvestment in public sector enterprises during the year

Year	Target (Rs crore)	Achievement (Rs crore)
1991-92	2500	3038
1992-93	2500	1913
1993-94	3500	Nil
1994-95	4000	4843
1995-96	7000	362
1996-97	5000	380
1997-98	4800	902
1998-99	5000	5371
1999-2000	10000	1829

2000-2001. Details of disinvestment target and achievement are given in Table 7.7. The Department of Disinvestment is at present taking action in about 30 PSUs/ subsidiaries of PSUs where Government decision for disinvestment or for locating joint venture partner has been taken.