



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Pinarayi Vijayan
CHIEF MINISTER

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Dear Shri. Modi ji,

I invite your kind attention to the issue of disinvesting 26 per cent shares in Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML). It is reliably learnt that the Expression of Interest for the same is likely to be published this month itself. BEML Ltd is a profit earning company and has secured orders worth 10,000 crore mostly through global tender. The company is engaged in manufacturing of military vehicles, rail and metro coaches and mining and construction vehicles.

BEML Ltd has a unit in Kanjikode, Palakkad district of Kerala. This unit executes orders worth 1,500 crore which is 15 per cent of the company's total orders. Government of Kerala has leased 375 acres of land in 2010 for this unit. Kind note may be taken of the fact that BEML Ltd is involved in manufacturing products which are important from National security angle and the company needs to be retained as a public sector unit. BEML Ltd is effectively competing with global majors in the same line and is successful in getting orders through global tenders.

It is felt that shares of such a profit making and strategically important company shares should not be disinvested. An earlier move in this direction in October 2016 was not taken forward, taking into consideration a sentiments expressed by the Members of Parliament and Trade Union Organisations.

In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, I request your goodself intervene in this matter so that BEML Ltd is not privatised.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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