

were only about 1.5 per cent of deputationists from Government services (both Central and State Government) out of about one lakh five thousand managers in the public sector.

Setting up of a Gas-based Sponge Iron Plant in the U.A.E.

***237. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:**

SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has recently been signed between India and the United Arab Emirates for setting up a gas-based sponge iron plant in the UAE; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of products manufactured by the Small-scale Sector

***289. PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:**

SHRI JAGANNATH SITARAM AKARTE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the export policy of Government the export houses are required to market products produced by the small-scale sector;

(b) if so, whether this policy has worked successfully;

(c) whether it is also a fact that international companies with their

foreign connection and marketing network can provide better facilities for marketing the small-scale sector products; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to encourage international companies in setting up export houses for providing markets for the small-scale sector products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There is no such obligation. However, export houses which export products of the Small-scale sector are eligible for certain additional facilities.

(b) The policy has encouraged the export of small-scale industry products.

(c) No definite assessment can be made in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

Construction of Hotels at Gorakhpur Sonauli and Nautanwa

***291. SHRI NARSINGH NARAIN PANDEY:**

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct hotels at Gorakhpur, Sonauli and Nautanwa keeping in view their importance being near the Buddhist pilgrimage centres of Kushinagar and Lumbini; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI A. P. SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to construct hotels in the Central sector at Gorakhpur, Sonauli and Nautanwa, the India Tourism