

MoU for setting up of Steel Plants

1212. SHRI R. C. SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 225 MoUs have been signed so far in the last 5-6 years for setting up of steel plants/iron and steel units in the country;
- (b) if so, whether many of them have not come up; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA) : (a) 222 MoUs have been signed by State Governments of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh with various companies for setting up of steel plants/iron & steel units in the last 5-6 years, as per the information available in the Ministry of Steel.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Greenfield steel projects, especially the large capacity units have been delayed or not come up mostly on account of land acquisition issues, want of forest clearance, lack of assurances on raw material security and shortage of adequate transportation infrastructure.

Special package of Tourism for States

1213. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provides any special package to States for promotion of tourist spots of historical importance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Gujarat; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated/released and utilised by the State Governments for promotion of tourist spots during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED) : (a) to (c) The development and promotion of tourist places including tourist spots of historical importance are primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for promotion of tourism projects based on proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority in accordance with the Scheme Guidelines. The details of projects and amount sanctioned to various States/UTs including Gujarat, during the last three years and current year (upto September) are given in the Statement (*See below*). This Statement also includes the projects sanctioned under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan for Jammu & Kashmir.