Shortfall in Power Generation

894. SHRI VAKKOM PU-RUSHOTHAMAN: SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for power production in the country by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) the projects to be completed and installed during the Seventh Five Year Plan and the estimated capacity of these plants for power generation;
- (c) the expected shortfall in power generation by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to meet the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINIS-

TRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI):
(a) The target set for power production in the country in the final year of the Seventh Plan, on the basis of the mid-term appraisal, is about 252 billion units by utilities.

- (b) It is expected that 140 projects with a total capacity of about 22,400 MW will be commissioned during the Seventh Plan.
- (c) According to the Central Electricity Authority, no shortfall is expected in the power generation targetted by the end of the Seventh Plan.
- (d) The measures taken to augment the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, optimising generation from existing capacity, reducing transmission & distribution losses, and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.

[Translation]

Supply of Diesel to Consumers at International Prices

895. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA: SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have announced to supply diesel at international rates to those export industrial units which will generate captive power for their own use with the permission of the State Electricity Boards;
- (b) If so, whether the motive of this scheme is to encourage exports;
- (c) if so, whether a proposal to supply diesel at the international rates to farmers for