

pline for better management of the available energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). No Sir. The energy conservation movement launched last year is multipronged activity which involves creating awareness in various sectors of economy as well as the supply utilities to adopt energy efficient practices in their own interest and also to provide necessary services to facilitate energy management at unit level. The movement is gaining momentum and has resulted in increased awareness among energy consumers. A recent study conducted on energy conservation campaign confirms this finding.

(c) and (d). The Government has initiated steps including demonstration projects, energy audit and awareness campaign to educate the target groups in various sectors of economy specially the major power consuming sectors for industry and agriculture about the need and importance of energy conservation. These measures also include creation of demand for energy conservation investment and provisions of financial incentives and disincentive. A National Energy Conservation Award has been instituted to motivate competitive improvement in energy efficient performance of industrial units.

#### **Performance of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant**

6203. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the occurrences of technical deficiencies in the various units in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant have badly af-

ected the expected sales turn over during 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details of technical deficiencies and the losses suffered alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such occurrences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). The production units under stage-I of VSP were Commissioned sequentially between march, 1990 to October, 1991. These units are still in the process of stabilisation. The management, in consultation with the executing agencies, is taking necessary measures to overcome the problems normally faced during initial stages. Every effort is made to increase the production to the optimum levels.

#### **Operation of Air Taxies**

6204. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK:  
SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE:  
SHRI SHANKERSINGH VAGHELA:  
SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:  
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:

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

(a) the details of parties permitted to operate air taxies in the country and the details of applications pending for clearance;

(b) the details of the terms and conditions laid down by the Government for the purpose;