Wastage of Oil

5434. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is wastage of oil in different oil projects at various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to bring down this oil wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH KUMAR SHARMA): (a) and (b). Some wastage oil oil in the form of leakage, spillage, evaporation, etc., of petroleum products may taken place in the oil projects.

(c) Measures taken to prevent such wastage include adoption of improved house-keeping, opeationa and maintenance parctices; conduct of energy audits and diagnositc analysis/studies to identify areas requiring rectifiatio of improvement; and adoption o improved technology/retrofitting etc.

Accumulation of Iron-Ore at Kudramukh Iron Ore Company

5435. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large scale accmulationof iron ore at Kudremukh Iron Ore Company in Karanataka due to sluggish demand from foreign buyers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of iron ore lying with the company at presetn; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to explore new markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c). As on 1.4.93 the stock position of shippable ireon ore concentrate and pellets with Kudermuh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) was as under:

Iron Ore Concentrate - 2.15 lakh tonnes

Iron Ore Pellets - 1.5 lakh tonnes

Considering the size of Company's operations, the stock levels are not high. Maintenance of stock at these levels is necessaryto meet shipping schedules and avoid detention of vessels.

(d) The development of new markets is a continuous process in the company. Substantial progress has been made by the company during 1992-93 in locating new markets in counties like China and Taiwan.

Riot-Affected Areas

5436. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI MAJORANJAN BHAKTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a joint delegation of four national women's organisations visited the riot-affected areas in Bhopal, Ahmedabad and Surat recently;

(b) if so, whehter any memorandum has been submited to the Union Government by the said delegation;

(c) if so the main demands made therein; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Governemnt thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) (a) to (d). Yes, Sir. The