THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) and (b), Yes, Sir. Six Plants of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) in the Steel Sector were identified as consumers of Carbon tetrachloride (CTC) by an international consultant alongwith local UNDP representatives who had visited these plants and financial assistance was recommended for implementation of measures under the Montreal Protocol through the Government of Japan to phase out consumption of CTC for non-feedstock application in a time bound manner. Major equipment have been received at New Delhi for the use of SAIL steel plants.

- (c) The erection & commissioning of equipment and training for operating the equipment have been planned during 2006-07 & 2007-08.
- (d) As per available information, none of the main/major steel plants in the private sector are using CTC. No information in this regard however is available in respect of large number of mini steel plants or steel processing units.

Stock of iron and ore

- 3188. SHRI G. SANJEEVA REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:
- (a) whether India have sufficient stock of iron and ore for domestic consumption; and
- (b) if not, whether Government would consider banning export of iron and ore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of above does not arise.

12.00 Noon

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Notifications of the Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries.

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the