

ENERGY CONSERVATION CELEBRATIONS AT VSP

VSP observed Energy Conservation month from 14th December to 13th January 2004 in order to make energy conservation a mass movement and imbibe the energy conservation to the gross root levels. A number of initiatives were taken up by Energy Management Department during the month long celebrations in order to make energy conservation a way of life at VSP.

VSP has saved about Rs.178 crores in 2002 - 2004 by taking up 157 energy conservation projects with minimal capital investment. VSP bagged first prize of National Energy Conservation Award from Ministry of Power, Government of India, for the second consecutive time in 2003 amongst integrated steel plants sector due to its massive energy conservation measures.

During the month long celebrations more than 1000 energy conservation

suggestions were received from the employees. About 600 employees participated in quiz competitions and 250 energy related slogans were received



from the employees. Technical presentations and training programmes were conducted to reinforce awareness about energy conservation. Sri VS Verma, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Sri KK Chakravarthy, Energy Economist, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Sri D Pawan Kumar, Director, NPC appreciated the mass scale involvement of employees in energy conservation movement in VSP. Sri.BK Panda, CMD, Sri.KK Rao, Executive Director (Works) I/c., VSP urged the Energy Management Department to work in close liaison with the production departments so as to emerge as the lowest specific energy consumer at the international level also. Sri.CS Gupta, Joint GM (EMD) and Designated Energy Manager of VSP highlighted the strategic decision of formation of departmental energy teams to affect paradigm shift from energy conservation to energy efficiency.

In continuation of Energy Conservation month celebrations VSP also observed oil conservation fortnight from 16th Jan to 31st Jan 2004. The specific lube consumption in VSP, 0.44 Kg/TLS, is lowest in India and is comparable to Western Countries. Waste oil collected by VSP is about 37.5% of the fresh oil issued and is better than European Countries which stands at 33%. The waste oil collection helps in reducing the pollution of land & water and also improves safety and house keeping.