

(a) whether there is an increase in the annual production of Bicycles, Two Wheelers, Mopeds, Three Wheeler Motors, Cars, Jeeps, Mini Vans, Trucks, Small Tractors and Tractors in comparison to 1984;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) their estimated production in the year 2000 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :  
(a) Except for Bicycles and Tractors, there has been an increase in the production of other types of vehicles during the year 1985, as compared to 1984.

(b) A statement is given below.

(c) Production plan for the year 2000 has not been drawn by the manufacturers.

#### Statement

*Comparative details of production of Vehicles during the years 1984 and 1985 are as under :—*

Class of vehicles	Nos. in '000'	
	1984	1985
Passenger cars	64	102
Jeeps	22	27
LCVs	33	35
Scoters	297	422
Mopeds	379	446
3-Wheelers	42	49
Bicycles	589	556
Tractors	79	78
Motorcycles	175	248

#### Annual production and consumption of Cement

678. KUMARI D. K. THARA DEVI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has attained self-sufficiency in cement;

(b) the annual production and consumption of cement;

(c) the estimates of production and requirement in the year 2000; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the quality of cement and its packaging ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Production and consumption of cement during 1985-86 was of the order of 33.1 million tonnes and 33.4 million tonnes respectively.

(c) While no projection in respect of production of cement in the year 2000 has been made, the Working Group on Cement Industry in its report of July, 1984 had estimated the demand for cement by 2000 at 87 million tonnes.

(d) According to Cement (Quality Control) Order, all cement manufactured and sold in the country has to conform to the relevant standards prescribed by ISI. ISI marking on all cement bags has been made compulsory from 1.7.83. To improve packing of cement use of second hand jute bags has been discontinued and improved variety of new jute bags to ISI specifications are required to be used by cement manufacturers. Constant efforts are being made to improve further the quality of bags with a view to reduce seepage etc.

#### Oil Exploration in Himalayan Region

679. SHRI G. BHOOPATHY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any new oil and natural gas bases have been located in the Himalayan region; and

(b) if so, the steps initiated to drill and exploit these bases ?