

Installed capacity, production and Import of Cement

582. SHRI AMAL DATTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise installed capacity, production and import of cement since 1977-78;

(b) the steps taken to increase domestic production of cement and eliminate

import and what has been the success of such steps; and

(c) the procedure adopted to safeguard against kick-back in import of cement and ensure that only the minimum ruling world market price is paid?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a)

Year	Installed capacity	Production	Import
	(Million tonnes)		
1977-78	22.00	19.41	0.312
1978-79	22.77	19.42	1.655
1979-80	24.29	17.62	1.547
1980-81	26.99	18.56	1.974
1981-82	29.25	21.06	1.598

(b) Production of cement in the country has shown an upward trend during the past three years. Every effort is, however, being made to further increase production of cement in the country by better utilisation of existing capacity and sanctioning additional capacity. Import of cement on Government account has been discontinued with the introduction of the scheme of partial de-control of cement with effect from 28.2.82.

(c) According to the Import & Export Policy 1982-83, import of cement is to be arranged through State Trading Corporation and one public sector agency designated by each State Government/Union Territory Administration. Direct import of cement by actual users is not allowed. The designated agencies are expected to safe-guard against mal-practices in the import of cement.

Preparation for INSAT-IB

583. PROF. RUP CHAND PAL:
SHRI R. P. YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether any preparation is being

made to put INSAT-IB into operation in 1983?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C.P.N. SINGH): The second INSAT-I Satellite, INSAT-IB, is currently at an advanced stage of fabrication. Action are on for completing INSAT-IA failure review at the earliest to identify changes and/or improvements necessary to INSAT-IB in the light of INSAT-IA anomalies/failures/ performance. As soon as the INSAT-IA failure review is complete, which is expected by end of October 1982, the schedule for INSAT-IB availability and launch will be re-established. Consistent with proper actions for changes/improvements necessary for removal of deficiencies noted on INSAT-IA spacecraft, actions will be taken for the earliest possible launch of INSAT-IB to restore INSAT system operating capability.