

Demand and Production of Cement

(In lakh tonnes)

7194. SHRI J.S. PATIL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the demand for cement in the preceding three years ending April, 1983 and the national production of cement during the same period ;

(b) how the gap, if any, between supply and demand has been met and the names of the countries indicating the quantity imported from each of them ;

(c) the steps which are being taken to increase the production of cement in the country during the Seventh Plan period ; and

(d) number of new factories which are coming up in Maharashtra in the near future and their capacity ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) The projected demand of cement estimated by the Working Group on cement industry (1980-85) on the basis of certain assumptions and the domestic production of cement during the first 3 years of the Sixth Five Year Plan are as follows :—

(in million tonnes)

	Demand	Production
1980-81	27.99	18.56
1981-82	30.22	21.06
1982-83	32.64	23.30

(b) A part of the gap between demand and supply was met by imports. The quantity of cement imported during the year 1980-81 to 1982-83 is indicated below :

1980-81	19.74
1981-82	15.98
1982-83	15.43

Countries from which imports were effective include: Republic of Korea, Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan & Poland.

(c) Every effort will be made to make available the infrastructure inputs to the cement industry to the extent possible to increase production.

(d) Four new cement units with an aggregate capacity of 19.66 lakh tonnes and one substantial expansion of 11.09 lakh tonnes have been approved for installation in Maharashtra.

बाक्साइट का उत्पादन

7195. श्री कृष्ण चन्द पांडे :

श्री सुशील भट्टाचार्य :

क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 27 जनवरी, 1984 के दैनिक "नवभारत टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित इस समाचार में कितनी सच्चाई है कि विश्व के कुल बाक्साइट भंडार का आठ प्रतिशत भारत में है जबकि विश्व में एल्यूमिनियम के कुल उत्पादन में भारत का भाग कुवल 2.5 प्रतिशत है और उसके कारण क्या हैं ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार बाक्साइट के वर्तमान उत्पादन से अधिक उत्पादन को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी व्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?