

Statement

Retail price of Cement per bag as on 31st December, 1989 and 11th July, 1991, at four metropolitan cities

(In rupees)

Name of the City	December, 89	July, 91	Variation
Delhi	71—74	110—115	41
Calcutta	82—86	114—123	37
Bombay	83—86	110—120	34
Madras	69—74	97—102	28

Note : Variation shown is as per indicated maximum prices.

Performance of GTX Kaveri and GEF-404 Engines

*95. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the performance of the GTX Kaveri engine vis-a-vis the GEF-404 engine;

(b) how do they compare in cost and reliability;

(c) what percentage of components of the GTX Kaveri engine would be imported;

(d) whether it would be possible to sustain production of the GTX Kaveri engine in the event of cut-off of foreign supplies of components;

(e) by when the prototype GTX Kaveri engine is likely to be ready, and

(f) by when GTX Kaveri is likely to go into production?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Performance of GTX Kaveri engine under Indian reference atmosphere will be better than that of GEF-404 engine with respect of maximum thrust with reheat. The specific fuel consumption would be marginally higher in Kaveri engine.

(b) The cost of Kaveri engine (at 1989 price level) in production would be about 60 per cent of the cost of GEF-404 engine. The reliability of Kaveri engine design is expected to be comparable with GEF-404 engine.

(c) During the development phase of Kaveri engine, the import content would be around 40 per cent; in the productions phase the import content is expected to be less than 15 per cent.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The prototype of Kaveri is likely to be ready in December 1993.

(f) Commencement of production of Kaveri engine is expected by December 1998.

Establishing microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot

*96. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have taken a decision to establish microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of Gujarat for regional network;