

scooters during the last three years has been as under :—

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Production	314748	461860	634754
Sales	316563	455768	635136

(b) The Export of Scooters has been as under:—

1984-85	1731
1985-86	3244
1986-87	2902

(c) The export of scooters has been to the countries in Africa, South East Asia and West Asia regions.

#### Production of cement in Gujarat

2266. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATA-LIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the production of cement of various factories situated in Gujarat during 1st January, 1985 to 31st October, 1987 year-wise;

(b) how much quantity has been taken from them during the above period as levy and at which rate;

(c) whether the production of cement is declining year-after-year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to push up production of cement and what incentives are likely to be given to this industry;

(e) what is the expected target of production of cement in these factories and companies during 1st December, 1987 to 31st December, 1988; and

(f) what was the demand and supply in Gujarat during 1st January, 1983 to 31st July, 1987 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The production of cement in factories in the large scale sector in Gujarat during the period 1st January, 1985 to 31st October, 1987 was as follows :—

1985	24.90 lakh tonnes
1986	29.20 lakh tonnes
1987	26.91 lakh tonnes

(Jan. to Oct.)

(b) The quantities of levy cement supplied by various factories situated in Gujarat during the period 1985 to 1987 are indicated in the enclosed Statement (See below). The levy obligation of cement factories has been changed from time to time. The latest position is, however, indicated below :

Units set up prior to 1-1-82	50% of actual production
New units, i.e. units which came into production between 1-1-82 and 31-3-86	20% of actual production
Units which came into production on or after 1-4-86	15% of actual production
Sick units and expansions materialising after 1-1-1982	30% of actual production

(c) No, Sir. The production of cement has not been declining year after year. On the contrary the production has been

increasing constantly as shown by the following figures of the last 3 years :

Year	Cement Production (in MTS)
1984-85 . . . . .	30.19
1985-86 . . . . .	33.13
1986-87 . . . . .	36.50

The production during the current financial year i.e. 1987-88 is likely to be 41.50 million tonnes.

(d) The following steps have been taken and incentives granted to push up production of cement in the country :

(i) The retention price of levy cement has been increased and the levy obligation of the cement industry has been reduced with the twin objective of compensating the industry for increasing in the cost of production and improving its profitability.

(ii) A rebate in excise duty to the extent of Rs. 20 per tonne and Rs.

50 per tonne has been given in respect of new units which commenced production between 1-1-1982 to 31-3-1986 and on and after 1-4-1986 respectively.

(iii) The cement industry has been encouraged to set up captive diesel power generating capacity and appropriate relief by way of reduction in levy obligation is allowed to compensate for increased cost of cement production with the help of high cost DG captive power.

(iv) The industry has been encouraged to convert wet process units into dry process units by giving suitable relief in levy obligation.

(e) Target of production is fixed on financial year basis i.e. 1st April to 31st March. The target of production for the factories in Gujarat in the large Scale Sector for the financial year 1987-88 is 36.45 lakh tonnes.

(f) The Gujarat state has always been more or less self sufficient in terms of cement as cement factories located in Gujarat are able to meet the local requirement. In fact cement is also sent to destinations outside Gujarat because of the new capacity having come up in that state.

#### Statement

*Supplies of levy cement by factories situated in Gujarat during the period 1985 to 1987*

(Figures in M.T.)

Name of the factory	Supplies of levy cement 1985	Supplies of levy cement 1986	Supplies of levy cement 1987 (upto Oct. 1987)
1. Ahmedabad (Digvijay Cement)	58318	65121	44755
2. Megdalla (Narmada Cement)	215826	220158	119603
3. Porbandar (ACC)	107402	86839	56641
4. Ranavav (Saurashtra Cement)	252250	278263	197065
5. Savilia (ACC)	95428	45158	50845
6. Sikka (Digvijay Cement)	304188	382771	233460
7. Gujarat Ambuja		973	87183
8. Dwarka (ACC)	118965	59709	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1152277</b>	<b>1140292</b>	<b>789552</b>