CAPACITY UTILISATION IN CEMENT INDUSTRY

*348. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge gap between installed capacity and actual production in the cement industry in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the installed capacity and actual production of cement in the country during the last three years;

(d) whether there has been a continuous decline in the demand for cement in the country during the last three years; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 348 FOR ANSWER ON 18.03.2020.

(a) to (c): Cement Industry has been de-controlled in 1989 and de-licensed in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization. Decisions of installation of new plants are taken by the industry based on market demand. The details of installed capacity and cement production during the last three years are as follows:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Installed Capacity (in Million Tonnes)</th>
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(d) & (e): No, Sir.