

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): a) Yes, Sir.

[English]

**Price of Cement**

(b) Safe drinking water is yet to be provided in 50 'No Source' problem villages.

(c) During 1991-92, the financial assistance of Rs. 16.33 crores under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) Rs. 2.92 crores under Mini-Mission Projects and Rs. 2 crores for coverage of 1000 scheduled caste/scheduled tribe habitation if likely to be provided to the State Government of Gujarat to supply drinking water in rural areas.

(d) The State Government has also made provision of Rs. 47.00 crores under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) during 1991-92 to provide drinking water facilities in the villages.

3300. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of cement is showing a downward trend; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). There have been reports of fall in retail cement prices at all the important consumption centres in the Northern Region and some consumption centres in the Eastern and the Western Regions. The prices in the Southern Region, however, have remained constant. A comparative statement showing the retail cement prices at important consumption centres as on the 1st October, 1991 and 3rd December, 1991 and variation in prices is given in the Annexure.

**STATEMENT**

*Variation in the Retail Price of Cement Per Bag at Important Consumption Centres*

(In Rupees)

<i>Name of the City</i>	<i>Price as on 03.12.91</i>	<i>Variation between 01.10.91</i>	<i>1.10.91 and 03.12.91</i>
<b>NORTHERN REGION</b>			
Delhi	95-110	110-115	—5
Karnal	102-106	115-116	—10
Ludhiana	108—110	113—115	—5
Chandigarh	102-106	105-110	—4
Jaipur	106—106	106-106	—
Lucknow	95—100	114-115	—15

*(In Rupees)*

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Srinagar			
Shimla	109-109	109-109	—
Meerut	100-102	112-112	—10
Bareilly	98-102	118-118	—16
Faizabad	100-102	110-111	—9
Bhatinda	106-108	113-115	—7
Rohtak	102—108	115—116	—8
<b>EASTERN REGION</b>			
Calcutta	112-127	115-127	—
Patna	112-124	120-124	—
Bhuvaneshwar	108—112	105—115	—3
Guwahati	135—140	140-145	—5
Muzaffarpur	114-126	122-126	—
Silchar	150—160	155-160	—
<b>WESTERN REGION</b>			
Bombay	100-110	110-115	—5
Bhopal	105—110	105-110	—
Goa	88-94	93-96	—2
Ahmedabad	105—110	106—110	—
Rajkot	106—110	106—108	2
Baroda	108—109	108—109	—
Surat	107—108	107—110	2

*(In Rupees)*

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Nagpur	98—105	98—105	—
Pune	96—102	96—102	—
<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b>			
Madras	98—103	98—103	—
Trivendrum	103—107	103—107	—
Bangalore	96—102	96—102	—
Hyderabad	84—87	84—87	—
Calicut	100—105	100—105	—
Vishakhapatnam	85—88	85—88	—

**Negative Growth Nuclear Power Generation**

3301. SMT. MAHENDRA KUMARI:  
SHRI CHETAN P.S.  
CHAWHAN:  
KUM. DIPIKA CHIKHLIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether nuclear power generation has registered a negative growth during the first six months of the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have identified the causes for this negative growth; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). The total nuclear electricity generated during the first six months of the current financial year amounted 2455 MUs as compared to 3189 MUs during the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

MUs—Million Units: 1 Unit= 1 Kilowatt hour)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reasons are mainly due to the need for taking up planned and unforeseen maintenance outages in five, out of seven units, during the first half of the current financial year. Efforts are afoot to make up the shortfall in generation by concerted efforts by improving the performance during the remaining period of the year.