

World Bank Loan for Cement Industry

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World bank has sanctioned 500 million dollar loan for restructuring, modernisation creation of additional capacity and improving international competitiveness of the cement industry in the country;

(b) if so, the manner in which the Union Government propose to utilise the loan;

(c) the extent to which the production of cement in the country is likely to be improved as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Development Council for Cement Industry (DCCI) has also assessed the problems being faced by the cement industry and sent the report to the Union Government; and

(e) if so, the details of the problems being addressed by the DCCI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHII): (a) to (c). The world bank has extended two lines of credit of US Dollar 200 million and 300 million for modernisation and restructuring of the Indian cement industry. These loans are disbursed through IDBI and ICICI and the loans have already been utilised or fully committed. Small complements of these loans are also

being used for Human Resource Development, Bulk cement transportation, and technical study projects for the cement industry. With the Utilisation of this credit production capacity is expected to increase over 7.5 million tonnes. Besides, the performance of many existing units is expected to improve on account of conversion of wet process plants to dry process, addition of balancing equipment and debottlenecking.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Export Earning Goods

1418. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of main export earning goods in the year 1991-92 and the percentage increase in the export earnings in comparison to the earnings received during previous year from the export of the same goods;

(b) whether the Government propose to make these goods competitive in the international market;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to make Indian products export oriented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The export performance of principal commodities during the financial year 1991-92 as compared to the export performance during the financial year 1990-91 is given below:-