

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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SLUMP IN CEMENT INDUSTRY
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

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

- (a) where there has been a slump in the cement industry of the country for the last three years; and
(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to speed up the development of the cement industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. The production of cement during the last three years alongwith growth rate thereof is as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Production	Growth rate(%)
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1997-98	83.16	9.11
1998-99	87.91	5.7
1999-2000	100.45	15

(b): Government has provided various incentives for the housing and infrastructure sectors in the last budget which have resulted in growth in cement industry. These measures are expected to improve the demand for cement further.