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

- (a) the names of the countries which are importing cement from India together with the quantity of cement annually imported by each of them during the last three years and the foreign exchange annually earned therefrom;
- (b) the reasons for shortfall in supplies, if any, and the steps taken to increase the export;
- (c) whether the indigenous demand for cement has necessitated the reduced exports; and
- (d) if so, the production, demand and supply position of cement?

Answer

MINISTER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) Value of Indian export of various categories of cement for the last three years is as under:

YEAR EXPORTS (IN RS. CRORES)

1997-98	267.4
1998-99	144.0
1999-2000	218.3

(Source : DGCIS)

Country and quantity-wise data on exports of various categories of cement are available in the DGCIS publication viz. 'Monthly statistics of the Foreign Trade of India'.

(b), (c) and (d) There has been a decline in exports of cement because of decrease in international prices. No other specific reasons for decline in exports have been reported. Normal export incentives applicable to all exporters are available to exporters of cement also. Moreover, Government is extending Market Development Assistance for exporters through the Export Promotion Councils for competing in foreign markets through participation in overseas fairs, exhibitions and for mounting trade delegations