

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:897
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2001
PRICES OF CEMENT
ANANDRAO ADSUL

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the prices of cement varies from State to State;
- (b) if so, the prevailing prices in various States and the reasons for variation;
- (c) whether the Government propose to fix uniform prices of cement for all the States to boost the construction sector of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Prices of cement vary from State to State depending upon its distance from production centres. Statement on the prices of cement in major consumption centres as on 13th July, 2001 is enclosed.

(c) to (e): Cement is a decentralised commodity and prices are determined according to market forces of demand and supply.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.897 for answer on 27th July, 2001 regarding prices of cement

Nov. 00 Jan`01 13.7.01 %age increase/decrease
min.max min.max min.max over November, 2000

In Jan. On 13th July
2001 2001

Northern Region

Delhi	133-136	152-155	140-142	13.97	4.41
Karnal	142-144	152-155	148-150	7.64	4.17
Chandigarh	138-140	158-160	147-149	14.29	6.43
Jaipur	123-125	143-145	128-130	16	4
Rohtak	132-134	148-150	143-145	11.94	8.21
Bhatinda	136-138	163-165	139-141	19.57	2.17
Ludhiana	140-142	168-170	148-150	19.72	5.63
Jammu	180-185	195-200	190-193	8.11	4.32
Shimla	145-148	165-170	162-168	14.86	13.51

Eastern Region

Calcutta	128-135	160-165	145-150	22	11.11
Patna	114-132	135-160	144-165	21.21	25
Bhubaneswar	120-128	147-161	126-145	25.78	13.28
Guwahati	155-165	182-184	182-184	11.52	11.52
Muzaffarpur	122-134	131-163	147-167	21.64	24.63
Silchar					

Western Region

Bombay	130-138	181-185	175-180	34.06	30.43
Ahmedabad	125-130	163-165	152-157	26.92	20.77
Nagpur	115-122	153-158	144-148	29.51	21.32
Pune	144-150	166-168	150-155	12	3.33
Rajkot	124-129	160-161	152-157	24.81	21.71
Baroda	125-130	158-165	152-157	26.92	20.77
Surat	125-130	161-163	152-157	25.38	20.77

Southern Region

Chennai	170-185	175-190	160-170	2.7 (-)	8.11
Thiruvananthapuram	180-190	185-195	180-190	2.63	0
Bangalore	160-175	160-175	160-170	0 (-)	2.86
Hyderabad	140-155	145-160	150-160	3.23	3.23
Calicut	180-190	180-195	180-190	2.63	0
Visakhapatnam	155-160	160-170	155-165	6.25	3.13
Goa	133-147	148-152	145-150	3.4	2.04

Central Region

Lucknow	118-123	142-148	140-148	20.33	20.33
Meerut	125-130	145-152	138-142	16.92	9.23
Faizabad	110-115	138-142	140-145	23.48	26.09
Bareilly	122-128	145-152	140-145	18.75	13.28
Bhopal	110-115	153-160	132-142	39	23.48

Source: Cement Manufacturers` Association