

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

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PRODUCTION OF CEMENT
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of cement;
- (b) the target fixed for cement production during 1999-2000 and the achievements made;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up some new cement plants in the country during 2000-2001; and
- (d) if so, the details of the places selected for setting up of cement plants, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Cement industry is de-licensed and de-controlled. Initiatives taken by Government like increasing investment in infrastructure sector, promoting housing activities by providing suitable incentives and reduction of interest rate on loans, are aimed at improving performance of economy in general and construction activities in particular. Cement industry has been reacting positively to these initiatives by increasing production to meet the growing needs of the economy.

(b): Against the production target of 94 million tonnes, the cement industry achieved a production of 100.25 million tonnes in 1999-2000.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.