

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:465
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR CEMENT
RAJO SINGH

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

- (a) Whether the annual production of cement is sufficient to meet the demand;
- (b) If so, the annual demand and production of cement in the country during each of the last three years, till date;
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to fill the gap between demand and production of cement in the country;
- (d) Whether the Government have assessed the domestic demand of cement for the year 2001-2002; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(e): Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.465 FOR ANSWER ON 24TH AUGUST, 2001.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Annual production of cement in the country is sufficient to meet domestic demand. The actual production, domestic consumption and exports for the last three years is given in the statement below:

(In Million Tonnes)

Year Production Domestic consumption Exports

1998-99	81.67	79.77	2.00
1999-2000	94.21	92.05	1.95
2000-01	93.52	90.22	3.15
2001-02 (April-July)	33.72	32.55	1.06

There is no gap between the domestic demand and supply of cement in the country. On the contrary, there has been surplus for exports as indicated above.

(c): Does not arise.

(d)&(e): The Government have estimated a demand for the year 2001-02 at 109 million tonnes assuming a targeted GDP growth of 6-8% and a growth of 8-9% in the cement sector during the IX Plan period.