

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

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ROADMAP TO INCREASE CAPACITY AND PRODUCTIONS OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Council for Cement and Building Materials has prepared a roadmap in conjunction with the cement Manufacturers Association to double the industry's present capacity and production by 2010;
- (b) if so, whether any concrete proposals in this regard have been worked out;
- (c) whether the industry is aiming at a 7 - 8 per cent growth in the next few years;
- (d) the extent to which it is likely to be more in comparison with the present one;
- (e) whether cement industry is also considering to upgrade the existing technology; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d) : Cement Industry has achieved consistent growth rate of 6% to 15% during 1993-2000. However, in the year 2000-2001 the industry has achieved negative growth of 0.84% mainly due to depressed demand caused by declining investment in public and private sector and drough conditions in certain parts of India. The position is likely to improve in the coming years and Cement Manufacturers Association has projected growth rate of 7 to 8% in the next few years.

(e) & (f) : Indian Cement Industry has world class technology. Up-gradation of technology is a continuous process and is being attempted by cement industry for achieving energy efficiency and cost reduction.