

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

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DEMAND OF CEMENT IN GULF  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether demand of cement in gulf has opened up export market for east coast units;
- (b) whether the export prices have so far gone up by 30%, and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian exporters are unable to meet the ever increasing demand of West Asian importers at a high price;
- (d) the quantum of cement exported against the demand and efforts being made to fulfil the demands of exporters; and
- (e) the profits being earned by export?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): The demand of cement in the gulf has opened up export market for units located in coastal areas. The export prices have gone up by 15% to 20%. The Indian exporters are able to meet the entire demand for which they receive orders.

(d) & (e): The export of cement/clinker by Indian Cement Industry to all countries, including West Asian countries, during 2002-03 and 2003-04 was of the order of 6.2 million tonnes and 9.00 million tonnes respectively which shows that Indian exporters have the capacity to meet the increased demand from importing countries. There is stiff competition in the international export market and the prevailing prices of cement are only sufficient to recover the cost of production of cement.