

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

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PRICES OF CEMENT

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

- (a) The number of heavy and medium scale cement manufacturing industries in the country with name, location and annual production;
- (b) The number of units of Cement Corporation of India are closed at present ;
- (c) The details of steps taken for revival of closed units including Charkhi-Dadri units ;
- (d) Whether the prices of raw materials required for manufacturing of cement has increased ;
- (e) If so, the reasons therefor alongwith action taken thereon ;
- (f) Whether Government has any proposal to ban exports of cement; and
- (g) If so, the details thereof and reaction of manufacturers of cement industries ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) The details of large and medium scale cement manufacturing plants in the country are at Annexure.

(b)&(c) Seven units of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) viz., Mandhar (Chhatisgarh), Kurkunta (Karnataka), Nayagaon (MP), Akaltara (Chhatisgarh), Adilabad (AP), Charkhi Dadri (Haryana) are not in operation presently. In the Rehabilitation Scheme sanctioned in 2006 for the CCI, the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction had recommended the closure and sale of all these 7 non operating units.

(d)&(e) The cost of inputs for cement manufacturing viz., coal, other fuels and transportation has increased. Though cement is a decontrolled commodity and its prices are governed by economic factors, the Government had impressed upon the cement manufacturers the need to rationalise cement prices. Responding to it, the Cement Manufacturers' Association gave an undertaking to maximize production and dispatch of cement; ensure that the retailers do not indulge in profiteering; bring in fresh investment to create additional capacities; and supply cement on priority and at 5% discount on the ruling prices to the Central Government departments.

(f)&(g) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present to ban the export of cement.