

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:572

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CEMENT PLANTS

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

- (a) the details of large, medium and small scale cement plants functioning in the country, separately, State-wise;
- (b) the total quantity of cement produced during each of the last three years;
- (c) the details of demand and supply of cement during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) the number of persons employed in these cement plants as on date, State-wise;
- (e) whether any proposal is pending with the Government for setting up of more cement plants in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by when such plants are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 572 FOR ANSWER ON 15.5.2007

(a) The information of cement plants functioning in the country is at Annexure-I.

(b) The quantity of cement produced in the country during the last 3 years is as below:

| Year | (Million MT-approx.) |
|---------|----------------------|
| 2004-05 | 132 |
| 2005-06 | 148 |
| 2006-07 | 161 |

(c) State-wise information about demand for cement is not being compiled. State/ Region-wise information on despatches of cement by cement manufacturers is at Annexure-II.

(d) The estimated number of persons employed in the cement industry is around 1.35 lakh. Plant-wise employment data is not centrally maintained.

(e)&(f) An industrial license is not required for setting up of a cement plant. 377 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda, which denote investment-intentions, have been received for setting up of new cement plants or for capacity expansion of existing plants between April 2004 and March 2007.