

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1483  
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2007  
IMPORT OF CEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has allowed to import cement during 2007;
- (b) if so, the total quantity of cement imported alongwith its value thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether the quality of imported cement has been checked;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the import of sub-standard cement in the country ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (c) to (f): The Government has taken a number of measures to facilitate import, e.g., reduction of the import duty on cement to 'Nil', removal of countervailing duty and special additional custom duty, etc. Further, MMTC Ltd, a Government of India enterprise and TANCEM, a State Government enterprise of Tamil Nadu have been given a special dispensation to import cement under the provisions of Cement (Quality Control) Order, 2003 to enable availability of significant quantities of imported cement in the market. To control rising cement prices and to meet domestic demand cement can be imported only from those foreign cement manufacturers who have been granted licenses by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under Foreign Manufacturers' Certification Scheme. Thus imported cement should conform to specified BIS standards and also carry the standard mark of BIS. The mechanism of mandatory BIS certification has been put in place to prevent the import of substandard cement in the country.

(b): The details of quantity of cement imported during 2006-07 and 2007-08 (April- May,2007) are at the Annexure.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.1483 for answer on 27.11.2007.

2006-07      2007-08 (April - May,2007)  
Country    Quantity    Value      Quantity    Value  
(in tonnes) (Rs. in lakh)    (in tonnes) (Rs. in lakh)

Australia	4	2.10	0	0
Bangladesh	20215	616.22	3956	134.74
Belgium	1	0.70	0	0
Bhutan	715	19.93	0	0
China	64929	2305.04	30764	767.50
Croatia	13	1.76	0	0
France	909	222.10	126	21.85
Germany	322	49.02	39	12.75
Indonesia	85338	1982.44	16497	376.07
Italy	15	7.23	21	4.47
Japan	30100	641.24	0	0
Korea	98	29.50	0	0
Malaysia	2620	80.93	810	23.51
Nepal	150	4.10	0	0
Netherlands	601	254.31	62	23.69
Oman	702	37.93	0	0
Pakistan	127	67.61	550	23.52
Singapore	85	37.63	16	3.83
Spain	0	0	25	1.39
Switzerland	0	0	4	1.73
Sweden	100	27.09	0	0

U.A.E.	3135	116.86	504	22.09
U.K.	45	9.28	1	0.04
U.S.A.	45	26.14	3	3.59
TOTAL	210269	6539.16	53378	1420.77