GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:502 ANSWERED ON:29.04.2008 CEMENT PLANTS Tripathi Shri Chandramani;Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

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

- (a) the number of cement plants in each State that have been closed during 2007-08;
- (b) the number of cement plants functioning in each State as on date;
- (c) the details of the demand and supply of cement in the country as on date;
- (d) the extent to which the existing cement plants have been able to meet the domestic demand of cement in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for revival of closed cement plants in the country?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.502 FOR ANSWER ON 29.04.2008 REGARDING CEMENT PLANTS

- (a) & (e): No cement plant has been closed in the year 2007-08.
- (b): The details of the cement plants along with their capacity and production are given at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): As per data maintained by the Cement Manufacturers` Association, the total production of cement was 168.31 million tonnes during 2007-08. The Demand of cement appears to be in excess of the supply of cement.