

**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 details of production/consumption/prices of cement alongwith installed capacity in the last year and to be expected in the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the shortage of cement is noticed by the Government in some States;
- (c) if so, details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the prices of cement in the country; and
- (e) the details of cement companies set up/proposed to be set up especially in tribal/backward areas?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a): The State-wise details of installed capacity, production and consumption of cement for the last year (2009-10) and for the current year (from April to June, 2010) are at Annexure-I and the prices of cement for the period June 2009 to June 2010 are at Annexure-II.
- (b): No Madam.
- (c): Does not arise
- (d): Government have taken a number of measures to increase the supply of cement in the market to cater to the increased demand. These included facilitating import by reducing the import duty on Cement to 'NIL' and also special dispensation given to some public sector undertakings to import cement under the provisions of Cement (Quality Control) Order, 2003 to enable availability of significant quantities of imported cement in the market. During the last three years 89.89 million tonnes of cement capacity have been added as a result of the measures taken by the Government. With the help of these measures, the average all India price of cement has declined by 4.76% between June, 2009 and June, 2010.
- (e): The list of cement plants set up in the country is at Annexure III. The department, however, does not maintain the list of cement plants, tribal/backward areas-wise. Further, after the announcement of the New Industrial Policy in 1991, investment decisions, including locations, have been left to the commercial judgement of the entrepreneurs.