

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is importing huge quantity of cement from abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to improve the domestic production of cement;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the targets fixed for production for the next three years; and
- (e) the steps taken to achieve the targets fixed in the coming years?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): The Working Group on Cement Industry for the 11th Plan has projected production of 212.38 million tonnes in 2009-10, 236.16 million tonnes in 2010-11 and 262.61 million tonnes in 2011-2012 by the large cement plants. In order to meet the target, the cement industry has already added 51 million tonnes of capacity in the first two years of the Plan and additional 60 to 70 million tonnes of capacity is likely to be added in the next three years.