

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

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

- (a) the details of rise in prices of cement and related products for the last two years and the current year alongwith steps taken or to be taken by the Government to reduce the prices of cement;
- (b) whether the prices of domestic cement is much higher than imports from the neighbouring countries of Bangladesh and Pakistan; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to safeguard domestic producers?

Answer

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

- (a) The average selling price of cement in major consumption centres in the country during the last two years and the current year (up to 31.5.2011) is at Annexure-I. The Whole Sale Price Index for Grey Cement, Slag Cement and White Cement for the last two years and the current year (up to 30.6.2011) is at Annexure-II. The control over price and distribution of cement has been removed since 1989. The industry was de-licensed in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization. Cement has also been removed from the list of essential commodities. The price of cement is determined by the market forces of demand and supply.
- (b) This data is not maintained.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.