

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:928
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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual production/consumption and export of cement in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the cost of the construction of residential accommodation has risen due to steep rise in the cement prices; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure for availability of cement at reasonable price?

Answer

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

(a): The production, consumption and export of cement during the last three years and the current year (up to 31.10.2011) is as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Year Production of Consumption Export of
Cement of cement Cement

2008-09	181.61	177.98	3.20
2009-10	201.06	198.04	2.27
2010-11	210.69	207.90	1.99
2011-12	123.38	121.45	1.77

(Apr-Oct)

(b)&(c): The cost of construction of residential accommodation includes cost of various items, including cement. As such, it is not possible to correlate the variations in the cost of construction of residential accommodation with the variations in the price of cement alone. The price and distribution control over cement was removed in March, 1989 and cement industry was de-licensed in 1991. The price of cement is governed by the market forces of demand and supply.