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UNITS OF CEMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) units in the country and production realized in each unit during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether production has been decreasing in the Rajban unit of CCI in Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the government has initiated any action plan to increase cement production and sale of cement in Rajban unit; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor:

Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): CCI has ten plants situated in various states of the country, out of which only three are operational. The locations and cement production of the three operational units during the last three years are given below:

Location Cement production in metric Tonnes (MT)

2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

Bokajan (Assam) 129395 150101 133265

Rajban (Himachal Pradesh) 143400 187360 157130

Tandur (Andhra Pradesh) 683415 630765 610045

(b): Cement production in Rajban unit has decreased during the year 2010-11.

(c): Cement production in Rajban unit has come down to 157130 MT in 2010-11 from 187360 MT in 2009-10 MT. The main reasons for decrease in production in Rajban unit are non-availability of required quantity of coal, supply of poor quality of coal with high ash content, ring formation in kiln, ageing of Plant & Machinery other than those modified during plant's expansion and frequent power breaks.

(d): Yes, Madan.

(e): The BIFR Scheme sanctioned in 2006 provided for 25% Capacity expansion of Rajban Unit. The same has since been completed. However, due to reasons mentioned in part (c) the optimum production could not be achieved. CCI has taken up the matter with the coal suppliers for supply of adequate quantity and good quality of coal besides taking preventive measures for minimizing the breakdowns so as to ensure better production and sale of cement.