

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF CEMENT

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

- (a) the installed capacity of the cement during the last year and the projected demand/capacity to be created during the next year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce Cement Regulatory Authority on the line of other sectors to control unfair business practice and increasing the prices of cement on regular basis by cement producer; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said authority is likely to be constituted?

Answer

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

(a): According to the Report of the Working Group on Cement Industry for the XII Five Year Plan, the installed capacity of cement production during 2011-12 was 336.10 million tonnes. The projected demand and capacity to be created during 2012-13 are 265.40 million tonnes and 349.60 million tonnes respectively.

(b) & (c): There is no such proposal. The complaints relating to market dominance, under utilization of capacity and artificial scarcity as well as cartelization are best addressed through competition and entry of new players. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) looks into such complaints and takes appropriate action.