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PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN CEMENT SECTOR

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

- (a) the performance of the private sector vis-a-vis public sector units in cement sector during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the performance of public sector industries has remained far from satisfactory;
- (c) if so, the factors responsible therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve the performance of various industries including the cement industry in the public sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Out of the 193 large Cement Plants, 10 Plants are of Cement Corporation of India which is under the administrative control of D/o Heavy Industries. Out of these 10 plants which are in public sector only 3 are operational. Total Cement Production as well as production in the public sector in the last three years is given below:

	Cement Production (in lakh tonnes)		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (Provisional)
Private Sector	2512.52	2552.04	2470.65 (till Feb, 15)
Public Sector	7.08	8.36	9.53

The net profit of Cement Corporation of India (CCI) in the last three years:

	(Rs. in Crore)
2012-13	8.11
2013-14	16.20
2014-15	27.33
	(provisional)

(b) & (c): CCI remained in profit in all the above three years and is on the path of improvement which is evident from the fact that production and profit in 2014-15 is the best among these years.

(d): Steps have been taken by the Cement Corporation of India for technological upgradation/expansion for improving the performance of its units.