

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

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. SUPPLY OF CEMENT AT BELOW MARKETPRICE

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

(a) whether the Government has requested private sector cement companies to supply cement at below market price for road construction and other works;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the private sector companies thereto; and

(c) the terms and conditions for supplying cement at below market price?

Answer

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

(a): Yes Madam, the bids were invited by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for the rates of cement from the cement manufacturers in the country for supply of cement, on cash and carry basis, to all Central Government/State Government organizations including government owned organizations for undertaking National Highways projects and other centrally sponsored projects.

(b) to (c): Various cement manufactures in the country have offered to supply different grades of cement at rates (ex-factory), which are below the current market rates. The rates of various grades of cement quoted by the cement manufacturers for the offered quantities of the cement having a validity of one year along with Terms and Conditions for supplying cement are available at the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways website (www.morth.nic.in). Supplies for the ordered quantities shall be arranged at the quoted rates (excluding taxes) by the cement manufacturers directly to all central Government/ State Government organizations, Govt. owned Corporations, local bodies Contractors/concessionaries etc. on receipt of supply orders from the respective consignees.