

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the quality of cement manufactured in the country matches the international standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any parameters and quality criterion have been set for manufacturing cement;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of times these parameters were violated by the cement companies during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government against the culprits during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The Indian Standards are formulated by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) after taking into account the global standards.

The Cement manufactured in the country is as per Indian Standard prescribed in the Cement (Quality Control) Order, 2003 dated 17-02-2003 issued by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam. A series of Indian Standard Specifications have been laid down prescribing quality parameters for different types of cements. A list of Indian Standard specifications for cement is at Appendix-I.

(e): A total of 6291 cement samples were drawn for testing during the last three years and the current year, out of which 229 samples were found failing. The year wise break up is at Appendix-II

(f): Out of 229 instances of failure of samples, 01 licence was cancelled, 51 licensee manufacturers were instructed to stop production and in the remaining 177 instances, warning was issued to the manufacturers to check the effectiveness of the quality control system in place in the factory and make improvements through corrective actions. These corrective actions were subsequently verified by BIS through special inspections. The year wise break up is at Appendix-II.