

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

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Production of Cement

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

- (a) the number of cement plants/factories, presently functional in the country, both in public and private sector along with their installed production capacity, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the production and consumption/demand of cement in the country during the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target for cement production by the year 2020 in accordance with its consumption/demand in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of cement plants which have been declared sick or lying closed in the country, including in Bihar, State/UT-wise along with the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for their revival?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The number of cement plants/factories, presently functional in the country, both in public and private sector, State/UT-wise, is at Annexure 'A'. The installed production capacity unit - wise is not maintained by this Department.

(b): The production of cement during the current year till June, 2015 is 712.53 lakh tonne as per cess received. The consumption figures are not maintained. However, the dispatch of cement till June, 2015 is 709.46 lakh tonne.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has not taken any action to revive sick cement industries as the Cement Industry has been de-controlled in 1989 and de-licensed in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization. This Department does not control day-to-day affairs/management of the cement companies. The details of sick cement industries, as per information received from Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR), are at Annexure 'B'.
