

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

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

- (a) whether the cement prices have increased substantially during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The control over price and distribution of cement has been removed since 1989 under the policy of economic liberalization. Cement has also been removed from the list of essential commodities. Thus, presently the prices of cement are governed by the market forces of demand and supply.

Whole-sale Price Index(WPI) for cement Items from 2011-12 are given below:

(Base:2004-05)

Items	Weight	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15#
(April - June)					
Cement & Lime	1.38646	156.97	168.63	166.98	163.50
Grey Cement	1.26347	157.02	168.76	166.63	162.73
White Cement	0.03099	158.07	171.92	175.45	175.40
Slag Cement	0.07783	157.48	166.42	169.53	170.10

Figures for the Financial year 2014-15 are for April - June only.
Also figures for May, 2014 and June, 2014 are provisional.