

Production Cost and Selling Price of Cement

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the price of cement which was available to consumers for Rs. 70 per bag in November, 1989 had gone upto Rs. 85 to Rs. 95;

(b) if so, the reasons for steep rise in price of cement and the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken;

(c) the actual cost of production of cement per bag and the present retail selling price to the consumer;

(d) whether any Government agency has made any independent study of the cost of production;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The retail price of Cement

varies from place to place. Some increase in the price of Cement has been observed since December 1989.

(b) Increase in costs of inputs like coal, rail freight & power tariff have contributed to the increase in cement prices.

The Cement Industry has been advised to bring down the prices to a reasonable level. Efforts are being made to ensure adequate supply of Coal and availability of Rail Wagons to enable the Industry to maximise production and improve the availability of Cement. The Government is also monitoring the Cement prices on daily basis.

(c) The actual cost of production of cement differs from factory to factory, depending on various factors like process adopted, age of the plant, distance from the Coal fields, power tariff etc. As such, data regarding the actual factorywise cost of production is not being compiled. The retail price of cement at 24 important centres for which the prices are monitored, is given in the Statement below.

(d) to (f). No independent detailed study on the industry to determine the cost of production has been done recently by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices. However, it has made a quick estimates of the fair selling price.

STATEMENT

Day to Day Retail Price of Cement per Bag Including All Taxes (Price in Rs.)

Sl.No.	Name of the City	Price as on		Agreed price on		Variation with	
		19.4.90	11.5.90	26.7.90	27.7.90	19.4	11.5
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

NORTHERN REGION

1.	Delhi	92-95	82	92-95	92-95	—	+13
2.	Karnal	90-92	82-84	92-95	92-95	+3	+11
3.	Ludhiana	92-95	85-86	90-95	90-95	—	+9
4.	Chandigarh	91-95	84	90-91	90-91	-4	+7
5.	Jaipur	82-85	879	81-82	81-82	-3	+3
6.	Lucknow	95-100	83	88-92	88-92	-8	+9

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		19.4.90	11.5.90	26.7.90	27.7.90	19.4	11.5
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Srinagar	92-95	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Shimla	92-95	82	82-83	82-83	-12	+1
EASTERN REGION							
9.	Calcutta	90-95	86-88	86-92	87-92	-3	+4
10.	Patna	98-100	80-95	88-94	88-94	-6	+9
11.	Bhuvaneshwar	88	80-82	84-88	84-88	—	+6
12.	Guwahati	104-105	95-98	95-105	95-105	—	+7
WESTERN REGION							
13.	Bombay	90-92	85-88	90-95	90-95	+3	+7

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		19.4.90	11.5.90	26.7.90	27.7.90	19.4	11.5
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14.	Bhopal	75-77	72-75	76-78	76-78	+1	+3
15.	Goa	79-80	79-80	78-84	78-84	+4	+4
16.	Ahmedabad	87-90	79-81	79-85	81-85	-5	+4
17.	Rajkot	87-90	78-80	79-85	81-85	-5	+5
18.	Baroda	87-90	78-80	79-85	81-85	-5	+5
19.	Surat	87-90	78-80	79-85	81-85	-5	+5
SOUTHERN REGION							
20.	Madras	82-85	78-81	84-87	84-87	+2	+6
21.	Trivendrum	95-100	87-90	88-93	88-93	-7	+3

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		19.4.90	11.5.90	26.7.90	27.7.90	19.4	11.5
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
22.	Bangalore	82-85	82-85	84-88	84-88	+3	+3
23.	Hyderabad	72-75	72-75	80-92	80-82	+7	+7
24.	Calicut	90-100	83-90	86-94	86-94	-6	+4

Note : Variation shown is as per indicated maximum prices.