

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6706  
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2005  
CEMENT PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether large number of cement plants in various States have been closed during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the number of cement plants functioning each State;
- (d) the details of the demand and supply of cement in the country as on date;
- (e) whether the Government has find out the reasons for closure of various cement plants in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for revival of closed cement plants;
- (h) whether there has been sharp increase in the cement prices recently; and
- (i) if so, the role of the Government and action taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN )

- (a)&(b): No, Sir. No large cement plants were reported closed during the last three years.
- (c): A statement showing the number of large cement plants functioning in each State is annexed.
- (d): The details of the demand and supply of cement in the country for the year 2004-05 are as under:-

(Large + Mini Cement Plants)

(In million tonnes )

Capacity installed Production Domestic consumption Export

Cement Clinker

161.24 131.56 127.07 4.07 5.99

(e) to (g): In view of the (a) & (b), does not arise.

(h) & (i): Cement is a delicensed and decontrolled commodity and its prices are determined by the market forces of demand and supply in the country. Prices have been more or less stable in the recent years. The Government monitors the prices of cement regularly.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to in reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6706 for answer on 10.05.2005 regarding Cement Plants.

Number of large cement plants functioning in the country

State	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Punjab	3	3	3
Rajasthan	13	13	13
Himachal Pradesh	3	3	3
Jammu & Kashmir	1	1	1
Assam	1	1	1
Meghalaya	1	1	1
Bihar	1	1	1
Jharkhand	3	3	3
Orissa	3	3	3
West Bengal	4	4	4
Chattisgarh	7	7	7
Andhra Pradesh	18	18	18
Tamil Nadu	13	13	13
Karnataka	6	6	6
Kerala	1	2	2
Gujarat	8	9	9
Maharashtra	8	8	8
Uttar Pradesh	4	4	5
Madhya Pradesh	9	9	9
Total	107	109	110