

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

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PRODUCTION OF CEMENT INDUSTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the production capacity of cement industry in the country at present;
- (b) whether production of cement in the country has fallen short of demand during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production capacity of the cement industry?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Capacity of large cement plants is 156.26 million tonnes at present.
- (b)&(c): No, Sir. The details of capacity, production and domestic consumption are given below:-

(In million tonnes)

Year    Installed Capacity    Production    Domestic Consumption

2002-03	140.07	111.35	107.60
2003-04	146.64	117.50	113.86
2004-05	153.85	127.57	123.07

- (d): Cement industry has been delicensed. Entrepreneurs are free to set up cement units anywhere in the country in accordance with the locational policy of the Government.