

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

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PRODUCTION/ CONSUMPTION OF CEMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the production/consumption of cement in the country at present;
- (b) the current percentage market share of foreign cement companies in the cement industry of the country;
- (c) whether the Swiss cement companies has captured 24 percent of Indian cement market by acquiring major stake of Gujarat Ambuja cement company too; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of Indian cement producers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): The production and consumption of cement in the country at present is given as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)
Year Production Consumption

2004-05	127.57	123.08
2005-06		
(Upto	115.40	110.28
January,		
2006)		

(b): The production share of cement companies with foreign equity is as under:-

S.No	Name of company	Foreign participant	Production	Share in
	(In Mn. tons)		total	
	(Apr, 2005-		production	
	Jan. 2006)			

1.	Associated Cement M/s. Holcim, Switzerland	14.62	12.67%
	Companies. Ltd.		
2.	Gujarat Ambuja M/s. Holcim, Switzerland	12.35	10.70%
	Cements Ltd.		
3.	Lafarge India Ltd. M/s.Lafarge, France	3.71	3.21%
4.	Zuari Cement Ltd. M/s. Italcementi, Italy	2.30	1.99%

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.