

Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1059
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.11.2016

PRICE OF CEMENT IN NORTH-EAST

1059. SHRI RAM PRASAD SARMAH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge difference in the prices of cement bags in the North Eastern Region as compared to that of other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action to control the price/quality of cement and ensure its adequate and efficient supply in the North-Eastern Region; and
- (c) the details of other actions taken by the Government to redress the problem including action taken against the hoarders?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : The administrative Department i.e. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion does not monitor the prices of cement prevailing in the country including in the North-Eastern Region as the Industry had been de-controlled and de-licensed in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization.

(b) & (c) : The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion does not control prices of cement, and hence no action has been taken for the same. As for quality, only BIS mark cement is permitted for sale in the country.
