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14	M/s Sungard Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore
15	M/s Jindal Saw Limited, Uttar Pradesh
16	M/s Sahajanand Medical Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Surat
17	M/s Value and Budget Housing Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore
18	M/s Shanghai Urban Construction (Group) Corporation, (SULG), China
19	M/s EADS Deutchland GmbH (EADS), Germany and Larsen & Turbo Ltd. (L&T), Mumbai
20	M/s K S Oils Limited, Madhya Pradesh
21	M/s Quattro Bpo Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Gurgaon
22	M/s Asha Micro Credit Limited, Chennai
23	M/s Futuristic Diagnostic Imaging Centre Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore
24	M/s Infoprint Solutions Company Pte. Ltd., Singapore
25	M/s SMS Siemag Aktiengesellschaft, Germany
26	M/s UE Development India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi [UEDI]
27	M/s Simulmedia Inc. Delaware, USA
28	M/s Vyoneesh Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
29	M/s Ramboll Singapore Pte. Ltd., Singapore
30	M/s Punj Lloyd Ltd, Delhi

**FTA with other countries**

†2753. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is trade between India and foreign countries under free trade agreement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of countries with whom free trade agreements have been signed in last two years;
- (d) the quantum of reduction in taxes under these agreements; and
- (e) the average amount of annual export and import under these agreements during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. So far India has signed following Free Trade Agreements :-

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Sl.No.	Name of the Agreement countries of the Agreement	FTA partner	Date	ot	Signing/ renewal
1	India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISL- FTA)	Sri Lanka			Signed on 28th December, 1998
2	Agreement on South Asia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka			Signed on 4th January, 2004
3	India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)	Singapore			Signed on 29th June, 2005
4	India-Nepal Treaty of Trade	Nepal			Renewed w.e.f. 6th March 2007
5	India-Bhutan Agreement on Trade Commerce and Transit	Bhutan			Renewed w.e.f. 29th July, 2006

Annual trade turnover in Crores of Rupees between India and the countries with which India has Free Trade Agreements for the last three financial years is as follows :

Indian Exports			
Country	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Bangladesh	7369	7366	11743
Bhutan	439	260	349
Nepal	3807	4201	6063
Maldives	299	311	361
Pakistan	3051	6107	7827
Sri Lanka	8964	10206	11374
Singapore	24020	27462	29662

  

Indian Imports			
Country	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Bangladesh	562	1034	1035
Bhutan	393	640	783
Nepal	1682	1385	2527
Maldives	9	14	17
Pakistan	795	1463	1159
Sri Lanka	2558	2130	2541
Singapore	14848	24840	32682

(c) India has not signed any Free trade Agreement in the last 2 years.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

#### **Good growth by cement industry**

2754. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether 207.81 million tonne cement industry in the country has witnessed a good growth despite a tumultuous financial year across most industry verticals;

(b) whether cement dispatches (including exports) for 11 months ending February, 2009 were at 162.89 million tonnes against 151.89 mt. during year ago;

(c) whether cement dispatches during past four consecutive months have seen a healthy growth; and

(d) if so, the quantum of cement production during year 2009 and what are steps being taken to improve it further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The capacity of cement industry at the end of 2008-09 was 219.17 million tonnes (large plants). The industry witnessed a growth of 7.9% during the year 2008-09.

(b) Cement dispatches (including exports) for the 11 months April, 2008 to February, 2009 was 163.05 million tonnes. The dispatches during the corresponding period of the previous year was 151.26 million tonnes.

(c) and (d) The first quarter of the financial year 2009-10 witnessed a growth of 12.4% with a production of 50.15 million tonnes. With the thrust being given by the Government for the development of infrastructure, housing and rural connectivity, the cement industry is likely to witness a growth of around 9% during the year 2009-10.

#### **Incentive to revive industrial downturns**

2755. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is planning to shell out incentives to revive industrial downturns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how will it specifically benefit manufacturers and assist in industrial revival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Several measures/ initiatives have been taken by the Government to insulate the domestic industry from the impact of global recession and stimulate domestic demand.

The measures to stimulate domestic demand inter-alia include reduction in ad valorem CENVAT duty, incentives to the housing sector with a view to give a boost to affordable housing, and sector specific initiatives. For automobile sector an accelerated depreciation of 50% on commercial