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General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, which are available in the Parliamentary Library.

(d) It is understood that the trade Policy announced by the Government of Pakistan for the financial years 2000-2001 includes some changes impacting on trade with India.

Production of cement in India

2371. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of cement in India during each of the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the cement units have been sold to foreign multi-national companies; and

(c) if so, the names of the MNCs and the units purchased by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) The production of cement for the last five years is given below:

Year	Cement Production (in Million tonnes)
1995-96	69.63
1996-97	76.22
1997-98	83.16
1998-1999	87.91
1999-2000	100.45

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, The position is given as under:—

<i>Multinational companies</i>	<i>Units purchased from</i>
1. <i>Lafarge</i>	<i>TISCO</i>
2. <i>Italcementi</i>	<i>Zuari Cement (50%)</i>