

- proclaimed as the mission statement of the National IPR Policy, released in May 2016 that the Policy would stimulate a dynamic, vibrant and balanced intellectual property rights system in India to *inter alia*, focus on enhancing access to healthcare among other sectors of vital social, economic and technological importance;
- consciously persevered to oppose clauses in bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations that weaken India's stand to provide accessible and affordable medicines to general public.

India's stand regarding TRIPS plus provisions and the flexibilities available has been endorsed in the recently released United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines Report.

Target for cement production

†3053. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has set any target for production of cement in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of the targets set including for Madhya Pradesh and the targets achieved by different companies; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to setup a body to decide the prices of cement, if so, the details there of and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) The Government does not propose to set up a body to decide the prices of cement as control over price and distribution of cement has been removed since 1989. The industry was de-licenced in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization and cement has also been removed from the list of essential commodities.

Export clause for upgradation of tea quality

3054. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 20 per cent export clause in a scheme during Twelfth Five Year Plan for upgrading tea quality is proving to be a dampener for the tea industry as the clause is restrictive;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.