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Port Analysis



CEMENT TRAFFIC AT INDIAN PORTS

(Qty in Millions Tonnes)

CEMENT TRAFFIC AT INDIAN PORTS (QTY IN MILLION TONNES)			
PORT NAME	APR - JAN 21	APR- JAN 20	VARIANCE Y-O-Y
ANGRE	0.011	0.000	0.011
BEDI	0.263	0.146	0.117
CHENNAI	0.010	0.002	0.008
COCHIN	0.926	1.107	-0.182
DHARAMTAR	0.512	0.185	0.327
GOPALPUR	0.125	0.050	0.075
HAZIRA	0.046	0.032	0.014
JNPT	0.591	0.659	-0.069
KAKINADA	0.009	0.237	-0.228
KANDLA	0.040	0.008	0.032
KRISHNAPATNAM	0.995	0.797	0.198
MANGALORE	0.219	0.317	-0.098
MUMBAI	0.047	0.064	-0.016
MUNDRA	0.173	0.000	0.173
PARADIP	0.204	0.000	0.204
PIPAVAV	1.229	2.202	-0.974
PORBANDAR	0.096	0.099	-0.003
PORT BLAIR	0.013	0.001	0.012
TUTICORIN	0.013	0.170	-0.158
GRAND TOTAL	5.521	6.450	-0.928

CEMENT IMPORTS - FEBRUARY 2022 (QTY IN MILLION TONNES)	
IMPORTS	COASTAL
ALLIANCE PEROLEUMS PVT. LTD.	0.000
AMBUJA CEMENT LTD.	0.041
FAIRMAX SHIPPING TRANSPORT SER.	0.008
ULTRATECH CEMENT LTD.	0.087

CEMENT EXPORTS - FEBRUARY 2022 (QTY IN MILLION TONNES)		
EXPORTS	COASTAL	SRI LANKA
PENNA CEMENT INDUS. LTD.	0.025	0.065
SAURASHTRA CEMENT LTD.	0.010	0.000
ULTRATECH CEMENT LTD.	0.117	0.059
Grand Total	0.152	0.123

NOTE: Above Statistics is drawn from data received from Port and Custom Authorities, while all information is believed to be correct, the editors of this compilation or JM Baxi do not guarantee the authenticity of data.



HIGHLIGHTS

- 'South has potential to be a cement hub'
- Ambuja Cements plans ₹3,500 crore expansion

‘SOUTH HAS POTENTIAL TO BE A CEMENT HUB’



Southern states accounted for more than one-third of India's limestone deposit.

Southern states have the potential to become a cement hub for future development across India and for exports as well, said industrialist and president of the South India Cement Manufacturers Association N. Srinivasan. Welcoming the Union Budget he said that southern states accounted for more than one-third of India's limestone deposit. SICMA had represented to the Union Minister for Commerce and Railways that road and infrastructure projects need special variety cement. The cement industries in the south were sitting on an idle capacity which could be utilised for infrastructure projects in central, east and north eastern

regions by offering a telescopic freight or a long lead discount, thus increasing railway traffic, Mr. Srinivasan said. At one stroke, the FM has addressed the various requests made by cement producers from the South. The Budget lays special emphasis on the infrastructure, particularly from the southern states, not only on roads but investment in metro rail and the freight corridor from Vijayawada to Kharagapur, he said in a statement. For the first time, infrastructure spending is going deep into the South, which is extremely welcome. The steps announced by the FM to boost realty sector and affordable housing, will also help in giving a big fillip to the cement industry, he said.

Source: The Hindu



AMBUJA CEMENTS PLANS ₹3,500 CRORE EXPANSION



The company is also looking at expanding an existing 3.2-million-tonne clinker facility at Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh

Swiss-based Holcim Group's Ambuja Cements unit has announced an investment of ₹3,500 crore for the expansion of around 7 mt across its existing grinding units at Sankrail and Farakka in West Bengal and for a greenfield expansion at Barh in Bihar. The company is also looking at expanding an existing 3.2-million-tonne

clinker facility at Bhatapara, Chhattisgarh. "The board has approved in principle an investment of ₹3,500 crore for a cement grinding expansion plan of potential 7.0 million tonnes across our existing grinding units at Sankrail and Farakka," said Neeraj Akhoury, CEO of India Holcim and Ambuja Cements. The investment will also cover Barh expansion. Currently, Ambuja Cements has an annual cement production capacity of 31 mt.

Source: Economic Times



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