Indian Cement Industry

New Horizons

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Cement Demand



Future Demand – Supply Projections

Supply Capability assumed static at FY 20 level of 456 mio t



Demand

Supply Capability

*Refers to domestic supply (net of exports), assuming supply for any capacity added as 50% in Yr 1 & 100% from Yr2 onwards and Cap. Util. of 90%.

Supply capability also accounts for possible plants' closure – those that are very old, are not strategically located and have paucity of limestone.

After trailing potential supply between FY 15 – FY 21, demand could again exceed supply beyond FY 22, if fresh capacity expansion is not planned earlier.

Demand & Supply at Regional Level





Capacity Ownership



Simulated Price Forecasts

Prices in past have grown at a rate of 5-8% pa. Future prices likely to increase by around 5-6% pa under Most Likely Scenario.



After Demand – Supply gap, rising input materials' prices is seen to have the most significant impact on Cement Price

Modeling with 40 variables,

e.g.

- Cement Spend
- **Demand Supply Gap**
- Industry Consolidation
- Return Expectations of Investors
- Past Cement Prices
- Price Elasticity of Demand
- CAPEX for Capacity Creation
- Availability of Input Materials
- **Price Indices**
- **Differential Costs of Delivery**

Some Trends

- ~ 30 new clinker capacities to be between 6 10 k tpd/ lines.
- 25-30 new split units with capacities between 1 4 Mio tpa.
- Raw Materials & Fuel characteristics to dictate choice of technology.
- Alternate fuels to receive enhanced attention.
- Coastal locations to be increasingly favoured for split units.
- Bulk cement sales to increase from 15 to 40 mio tpa and road despatches from around 185 to 235 mio tpa.
- Ready mix consumption to increase from 7 % to 15 % of total concrete.
- $\textcircled{\sc consumption}$ to fall to 670 kcal/ kg clinker and 70 kwh/ t of OPC.
- Adoption of global cement nomenclature and standards.
- Stricter statutory interventions in the utilisation of diminishing resources, environmental control and customer safeguards.
- Significant increase foreseen in carbon trading.
- $\ref{eq:second}$ New environmental laws to control NO_x and SO_x emissions.

Limestone Reserves



Residual Limestone Reserves



- Case I : Current product mix with current limestone reserve
- ---- Case II : Current product mix with increased exploitable limestone
- Case III : Case II with 100% blended cement beyond 2017
- Case IV : Case III with lower demand growth





The Challenges of Tomorrow

- Dwindling Natural Resources : Limited limestone, fossil fuel and water resources. Life of cement grade limestone reserves is estimated to be around 40 years more.
- Increasing Costs: Energy efficiencies, equipment availability and input material costs have been the major focus areas for cost reduction in the past. However, recently freight (both inwards and outwards) has also become a focus point.

The potential also exists for reducing costs in non-equipment related domains, e.g. material inventories, consumable consumption rates, financial expenses, etc.

- Fuel Shortage: Given the acute shortage of domestic coal, alternate fuels could provide 7-10 % of the total thermal fuel requirements in next few years.
- Increase in Gestation Period: The gestation period in the future is likely to be in the range of 5-7 years, due to prolonged pre-project activities like land acquisition and statutory clearances.

Industry players could attempt to bring down actual construction time by employing more steel in civil engineering structures.



- Favorable Demand-Supply balance by FY 22: Demand is likely to overtake supply in next 6-7 years. Typically, plant commissioning can take 5-7 years from planning stage; now is the time to plan to take advantage of forthcoming deficit situation.
- ✓ Limestone paucity: Limestone resources are limited and valuable.
- Growing demand: India has immense growth potential. The future of cement market is likely to remain buoyant in medium to long term.
- Capacity Utilization: Present industry capacity utilization is at ~70%; this is likely to start improving in coming years.
- Price: Prices have held up, despite lower capacity utilisation. This is likely to continue even in the future.

Currently, industry is bottoming out and likely to start improving in next 1 – 2 years.

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