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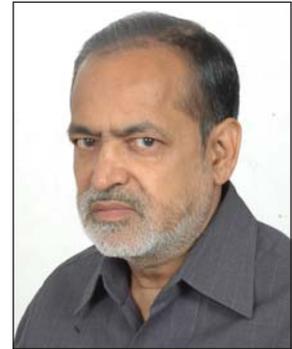
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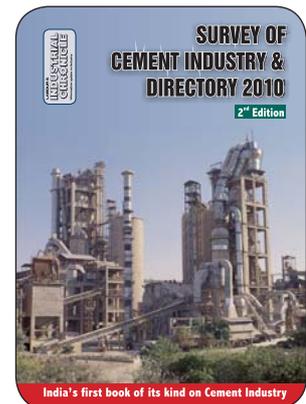
In the last one decade, Indian cement industry has witnessed a robust growth as it added over 200 million tonnes of new capacity, government has increased investment in infrastructure, the infrastructure and real estate sectors have touched new heights, the entry of cement MNCs has increased from one to seven groups, and many Indian companies/groups have diversified into cement sector.



In 2003, the installed cement capacity was about 150 million tonnes, which has now increased to over 350 million tonnes. During this period, the number of cement companies in operation too has gone up from 58 to about 80 companies. This has happened despite of 15 companies going out of business. In fact, Indian cement industry, which ranks second in the world after China, has opted for world class technologies.

But there is no **single source** from where one can get all the cement industry related information such as historical background, cement companies, their capacities, plants, promoters, CEOs, other senior managers, new technological developments, suppliers of equipment and machinery, latest addresses of corporate offices and plants with updated contact information etc. Of course, some of this information is available from the Cement Manufacturers' Association (CMA) but that is confined to mostly to its members, numbering less than 45 companies only.

To fill this information gap, *Industrial Chronicle* has already come out with two cement editions - "**Survey of Major Cement Plants in India-2003**" and "**Survey of Cement Industry & Directory 2010**"; and presenting the **3rd Edition** - "**Survey of Cement Industry & Directory 2012**", covering every aspect of the industry and almost all cement companies, despite of diplomatic refusal by some companies for providing related information. All associated with the cement industry have found our editions quite informative, useful and worth preserving for ready reference.



We take this opportunity to thank all cement companies, equipment and machinery suppliers, our paper suppliers, printing press and our staff for extending their whole hearted co-operation in making our **3rd edition** much improved one and quite successful.


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