

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DECLINE IN CORE SECTOR INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of six core sector industries has shown steep decline during the year 2003-04;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, targets and actual production of these core sector industries during the above period, month-wise and sector-wise;
- (c) the reasons for decline in the growth rate of these sectors alongwith the extent to which it has declined as compared to corresponding period last year;
- (d) whether annual targeted growth rate of the country is likely to be affected as a result of present position of core sector industries; and
- (e) if so , the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to boost the growth rate of core sector industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E. V. K. S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) : No, sir. As per data of Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, the production of six core/infrastructure industries has not shown steep decline in 2003-04. This can be seen from the table below.

Table I : Production of Six Core Sector Industries

Sl.No	Sector	Unit	Production		Growth (%) in production	
			2002-03	2003-04	2002-03	2003-04
1	Crude Petroleum	MT	33.04	33.38	3.24	1.03
2	Petroleum Refinery Products	MT	112.56	121.76	4.93	8.17
3	Coal	MT	336.87	355.73	4.31	5.60
4	Electricity	BU	531.59	558.13	3.14	4.99
5	Cement	MT	116.35	123.44	8.84	6.09
6	Finished Steel	MT	34.53	36.93	8.69	6.95

MT : Million Tonnes, BU: Billion Units

Source : Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) The Tenth Plan (2002-07) has envisaged an average annual growth rate of 8 per cent for the country. Besides the performance of the core sector, the overall growth of the economy depends on a host of other factors, like performance of agriculture, industry and services and performance in the external sector.