

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DATA COLLECTION ERROR
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a distorted figure has emerged with regard to the industrial growth in the country due to data collection error;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the recurrence of such errors on data collection on frequent occasions;
- (c) whether the Government has set up a Committee to examine the index of industrial production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a)&(b): Figure for Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for the month of January 2012 was not a distorted figure, rather it was a revised index figure. IIP for a particular calendar month is released by Central Statistics Office (CSO) as Quick Estimate (QE) with six weeks' time lag. As per usual practice, the QE then undergoes first revision after one month and final revision after three months of release of QE incorporating additional/ revised production data received from the source agencies during the intervening period. Accordingly, growth rate in the index as per QE for January 2012 was released as 6.8% on 12th March, 2012 and revised (first revision) to 1.1% on 12th April, 2012. Final revision for IIP for January 2012 will be made on 12th June 2012.

(c)&(d): In order to capture the dynamics in the structure and composition of the industrial production, base year of IIP is revised at regular intervals. Accordingly, a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. Saumitra Chaudhuri, Member, Planning Commission, is being set up for reviewing the existing methodology used in compilation of IIP and shifting to a new base year, finalizing the new weighting diagram, selection of appropriate item basket and method of data collection for the same and giving its recommendations in this regard.