

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2042.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 30TH JULY, 2018.**

GROWTH OF INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIES

**2042. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the growth of infrastructure industries in several sector dropped during the last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the factors responsible therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has since examined the factors responsible for decline in growth of infrastructure industries in depth and proposes to take any corrective measures; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) & (b):** As per the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI), the details of growth of index of eight core industries viz. Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity for the year 2017-18 over the year 2016-17 are given in the table below:

Growth rate of Index of Eight Core Industries (in %) (base year 2011-12)									
Year	Coal	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Refinery Products	Fertilizers	Steel	Cement	Electricity	Overall Index
2017-18	2.6	-0.9	2.9	4.6	0.03	5.6	6.3	5.3	4.3

Source: Office of Economic Adviser, DIPP
The figures for 2017-18 are provisional.

Out of the eight core industries, Crude Oil production registered a decline in 2017-18. The production of crude oil declined due to various reasons which, inter-alia, include less than envisaged production, natural decline due to mature fields and reservoir issues in some of the fields, shutdown taken for maintenance activities, rise of water cut, etc.

(c) & (d): Overall growth of the infrastructure industries is interplay of many factors such as capacity utilisation, investment cycle, seasonal factors, policy interventions, domestic and global growth outlook etc. The Government is continuously taking steps to boost industrial growth including infrastructure sector which inter alia, includes putting in place a policy framework to create conducive business environment, strengthening infrastructure network and ensuring availability of required inputs. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy and procedures have been simplified and liberalised progressively. The Government has also taken up a series of measures to improve Ease of Doing Business. The emphasis has been on simplification and rationalization of the existing rules and introduction of information technology to make governance more efficient and effective.
