

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1159.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 25TH JULY, 2016.**

CORE SECTOR GROWTH

1159. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the growth in the core sectors has come down during the last three months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether it is true that major eight core sectors have dropped the lowest during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government to boost core sector growth?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)(श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)**

- (a) & (b):** The Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) measures performance of eight core industries at the base of year 2004-05. The ICI registered growth of 6.4 %, 8.5 % and 2.8 % during the month of March 2016, April 2016 and May 2016 respectively. The cumulative growth rate of ICI during March-May, 2016-17 was 5.8 % as compared to 1.2 % during corresponding period of previous year. The Government is continuously taking steps to boost growth in these industries which includes measures relating to policy, procedures, improving infrastructure and ensuring availability of required inputs.
- (c):** No, Madam.
- (d)** Does not arise.
