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Index of Eight Core Industries (Base: 2004-05=100), March 2013

The Eight core industries have a combined weight of 37.90 per cent in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). **The combined Index was 164.5 in March 2013 with a growth rate of 2.9% compared to their 3.0% growth in March 2012. The marginal decline in growth in March, 2013** was on account of negative growth witnessed in the production of Natural Gas and low growth recorded in the production of Coal and Crude Oil.

During April-March 2012-13, the cumulative growth rate of the Core industries was 2.6 % compared to their growth at 5.0% during the corresponding period in 2011-12.

Coal

Coal production (weight: 4.38%) registered a growth of 0.3% in March 2013 compared to its growth at 7.3% in March 2012. In cumulative terms, Coal production recorded a growth of 3.3% during April-March 2012-13 compared to its growth at 1.3% during the same period of 2011-12.

Crude Oil

Crude Oil production (weight: 5.22%) registered a growth of 0.2% in March 2013 compared to its (-) 2.9% growth in March 2012. Cumulatively, Crude Oil production recorded a growth of (-) 0.6% during April-March 2012-13 compared to its growth at 1.0% during the same period of 2011-12.

Natural Gas

The growth rate of Natural Gas production (weight: 1.71%) was negative both in March, 2013 at (-) 17.7% and in March 2012 at (-) 9.9%. Cumulatively also, Natural Gas production registered a negative growth of (-) 14.5% during April-March 2012-13 and (-) 8.9% during the same period of 2011-12.

Petroleum Refinery Products (0.93% of Crude Throughput)*

Petroleum refinery production (weight: 5.94%) had a growth of 5.6% in March 2013 compared to its growth at 1.6% in March 2012. In cumulative terms, Petroleum refinery production registered a growth of 6.9% during April-March 2012-13 compared to its 3.1% growth during the same period of 2011-12.

** RPL (SEZ) with refining capacity 29MMT was commissioned on 25.12.2008 but crude throughput not reported by the refinery and not included in production for entire period.*

Fertilizers

Fertilizer production (weight: 1.25%) registered a growth of 3.6% in March 2013 against its growth at 1.5% in March 2012. Cumulatively, Fertilizer production registered a growth of (-) 3.4% during April-March 2012-13 compared to its 0.4% growth during the same period of 2011-12.

Steel (Alloy + Non-Alloy)

Steel production (weight: 6.68%) had a growth rate of 6.6% in March 2013 against its 6.2% growth in March 2012. Cumulatively, Steel production registered 2.5% growth during April-March 2012-13 compared to its 10.3% growth during the same period of 2011-12.

Cement

Cement production (weight: 2.41%) registered a growth of 6.6% in March 2013 against its 7.1% growth in March 2012. The cumulative growth of Cement Production was 5.6% during April-March 2012-13 compared to its 6.7% growth during the same period of 2011-12.

Electricity

Electricity generation (weight: 10.32%) had a 3.0% growth in March 2013 compared to its 2.8% growth in March 2012. The cumulative growth of Electricity generation was 4.0% during April-March 2012-13 compared to its 8.1% growth during the same period of 2011-12.