

Review of 2006-07

9.3 The overall index of six core industries having a direct bearing on infrastructure and accounting for 27 per cent weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), registered a growth of 8.3 per cent during April-December, 2006, which was higher than the 5.5 per cent

registered during April-December, 2005 (Table 9.1). In the first nine months of 2006-07, crude petroleum, refinery products and electricity generation registered an acceleration in their growth rates, but there was a decline in the growth rates of coal, cement and finished steel.

Table 9.1 : Trends in growth of physical output in infrastructure sectors (in per cent)

Items	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	April-December*	
					2005-06	2006-07
I. Energy						
1. Coal production	4.6	5.1	6.4	6.4	6.2	4.5
2. Electricity generated (Utilities only)	3.2	5.1	5.2	5.1	4.8	7.5
3. Petroleum						
(a) Crude oil production	3.4	0.7	1.8	-5.3	-6.0	6.0
(b) Refinery throughput	4.9	8.2	4.3	2.1	0.5	12.6
II. Steel	7.3	9.8	8.4	11.2	10.7	9.7
III. Cement	8.8	6.1	6.6	12.3	10.9	9.9
<i>Average growth rate of I to III</i>	5.0	6.1	5.8	6.1	5.5	8.3
IV. Transport and communications						
1. Railway revenue-earning Goods traffic	5.3	7.5	8.1	10.7	10.7	9.7
2. Cargo handled at major ports	9.0	10.0	11.3	10.3	12.6	8.3
3. Telecom: Cell phone connections	119.2	115.3	10.4	89.4	55.4	107.31
4. Civil aviation						
a. Cargo handled						
i. Exports	13.3	1.0	12.4	7.3	13.1	-1.3
ii. Imports	18.6	13.4	24.2	15.8	12.7	19.6
b. Passengers handled at						
i. International Terminals	4.8	6.5	14.0	12.8	12.7	11.8
ii. Domestic Terminals	9.6	13.1	23.6	27.1	21.9	37.0
* Provisional						
Source : Item no. I to III Ministry of Commerce & Industry. IV Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.						