

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a slow pace in industrial development and also decline in the industrial production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps the Government propose to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SMT. KANTI SINGH)

(a) & (b): As per the quick estimates of the Index of Industrial Production (base year 1993-94=100) compiled by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the growth of industrial production in general during the period April - December 2005-06 stood at 7.8% compared to 8.6% during the same period of 2004-05.

The slow pace of industrial growth was on account of negative growth rate in industrial groups like food products; wool, silk, and man made fibre textiles; wood & wood products; leather and its products, and metal products and parts.

(c) The industry sector spans about eleven departments/ministries with industrial programmes/schemes under each. Major schemes which are in place for industrial development include Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), Technology Upgradation Fund (Scheme) for textiles, `Policy Package for stepping up credit to small and medium enterprises` by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries, and India Leather Development Programme (ILDIP). The National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) has formulated the National Strategy for Manufacturing. Industrial Development is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government supports their efforts by providing support/incentives under its various schemes.