

	Growth rates (%)			
	Mining	Manufacturing	Electricity	Overall Industry
2008-09	2.6	3.3	2.8	3.2
2009-10	9.9	11.0	6.1	10.5
2010-11				
April	12.0	18.0	6.9	16.6
May	9.9	12.9	6.4	12.2
June	8.8	7.4	3.5	7.2
July	9.8	16.4	3.7	15.0
August	6.7	7.5	1.0	6.9
September	5.2	4.5	1.7	4.4
April-September				
2009-10	7.9	6.2	6.7	6.3
2010-11	8.7	11.0	3.8	10.2

A moderation in the overall rate of growth in September, 2010 was partly on account of a negative growth of (-) 10.2% for petroleum refinery and (-) 2.0% for coal and a moderation in the growth of electricity sector.

Government has taken various measures, which among others include improving the infrastructure availability, creating an enabling economic environment, appropriate monetary and fiscal policies and initiatives on skill development and training to facilitate industrial development in the country. The Eleventh Five Year Plan has also identified various scheme like Technology Upgradation Fund (TUF); Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP); Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC); National Automatic testing and R&D Infrastructure Project (NATRIIP); Modernisation and Strengthening of Intellectual Property Office; Integrated Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS); Setting up of Biotechnology Incubators, Biotech parks and Small Business Innovations Research Initiatives (SBIRI); Special package for North East Industrial Development and Special category States; Integrated Leather Development Programme; etc. to facilitate industrial growth.

Review of financial assistance schemes under APEDA

*316. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance schemes that are available under Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA);

(b) whether Government has undertaken any review to ensure that the financial assistance schemes serve the purpose for which they are intended;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the monitoring mechanism in place in the Ministry to oversee the whole gamut of schemes that are being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is operating five plan schemes to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it, namely; (i) Scheme for Market Development; (ii) Scheme for Quality Development; (iii) Scheme for Infrastructure Development; (iv) Scheme for Research and Development; and (v) Transport Assistance Scheme.

(b) and (c) The Government undertakes review of the performance of APEDA including each of these schemes from time to time. During the last five years, APEDA has fully utilized its plan funds towards the implementation of its schemes, resulting in almost doubling the export value of APEDA products to Rs. 34686.87 crores in 2009-10 which constitutes 46% of total agri exports from the country.

(d) The performance of APEDA schemes is monitored periodically and especially at the time of formulation of Annual Plan, preparation of Budget Estimates/Revised Estimates etc. Component-wise reports on physical and financial achievements against the targets fixed by APEDA for each scheme are also reviewed by the Ministry. These schemes are again scrutinised while reviewing the overall performance of APEDA.

Stability in industrial growth rate

†*317. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that stability could not be achieved in industrial growth rate in the country so far;

(b) if so, the Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) the months during April, 2008 to September, 2010 when the industrial growth rate has remained maximum and minimum?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (c) Overall industrial growth measured in terms of the Index of Industrial

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