

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 695.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 23RD JULY, 2018.**

INDEX OF EIGHT CORE INDUSTRIES

695. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

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

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- (a) whether according to Index of Eight Core Industries, the growth of eight core infrastructure industries has dropped to 10-month low of 3.6 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the GST complexities and demonetization are the main reasons behind it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) to (d):** The cumulative growth rate of Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) during April-May, 2018-19 was 4.1 per cent as compared to 3.3 per cent during corresponding period of previous year. However, the ICI registered a growth rate of 3.6 per cent in the month of May 2018, which is the lowest since August 2017. Out of the eight core industries, two industries namely crude oil and natural gas production declined in May 2018. The production of crude oil declined due to various reasons which, inter-alia, include less than envisaged production, natural decline due to mature fields and reservoir issues in some of the fields, shutdown taken for maintenance activities, rise of water cut, etc. Overall growth of the infrastructure industries is interplay of many factors such as capacity utilisation, investment cycle, seasonal factors, policy interventions, domestic and global growth outlook etc.
