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

March, 2015

1. The summary of the Index of Eight Core Industries (base: 2004-05) is given at the **Annexure**.
2. The Eight Core Industries comprise nearly 38 % of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stands at 177.8 in March, 2015, which was 0.1 % lower compared to the index of March, 2014. Its cumulative growth during April to March, 2014-15 was 3.5 %.

Coal

3. Coal production (weight: 4.38 %) increased by 6.0 % in March, 2015 over March, 2014. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 increased by 8.2 % over corresponding period of previous year.

Crude Oil

4. Crude Oil production (weight: 5.22 %) increased by 1.7 % in March, 2015 over March, 2014. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 declined by 0.9 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Natural Gas

5. The Natural Gas production (weight: 1.71 %) declined by 1.5 % in March, 2015. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 declined by 5.2 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Refinery Products (0.93% of Crude Throughput)

6. Petroleum Refinery production (weight: 5.94%) declined by 1.3 % in March, 2015. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 increased by 0.4 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Fertilizers

7. Fertilizer production (weight: 1.25%) increased by 5.2 % in March, 2015. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 declined by 0.1 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Steel (Alloy + Non-Alloy)

8. Steel production (weight: 6.68%) declined by 4.4 % in March, 2015. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 increased by 0.5 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Cement

9. Cement production (weight: 2.41%) declined by 4.2 % in March, 2015. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 increased by 5.6 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Electricity

10. Electricity generation (weight: 10.32%) increased by 1.7 % in March, 2015. Its cumulative index during April to March, 2014-15 increased by 8.0 % over the corresponding period of previous year.

Note 1: Data are provisional. Revision has been made based on revised data received for corresponding month of previous year in respect of Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Product, Steel, Cement and Electricity. Accordingly, indices for the month March, 2014 have been revised.

Note 2: Release of the index for April, 2015 will be on Monday, 01st June, 2015.

Performance of Eight Core Industries
Yearly Index & Growth Rate
 Base Year: 2004-05=100

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Sector	Weight	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Apr-Mar 2014-15
Coal	4.379	140.0	139.7	141.5	148.1	150.0	162.3
Crude Oil	5.216	99.1	111.0	112.1	111.4	111.2	110.3
Natural Gas	1.708	149.5	164.4	149.7	128.1	111.5	105.7
Refinery Products	5.939	125.9	129.7	133.7	172.5	175.0	175.7
Fertilizers	1.254	103.4	103.4	103.8	100.2	101.8	101.7
Steel	6.684	139.3	157.7	174.0	181.1	201.9	203.0
Cement	2.406	157.1	164.2	175.2	188.7	194.5	205.4
Electricity	10.316	130.8	138.1	149.3	155.3	164.6	177.8
Overall Index	37.903	129.9	138.4	145.3	154.7	161.2	166.8

GROWTH RATES (in %)

Sector	Weight	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Apr-Mar 2014-15
Coal	4.379	8.1	-0.2	1.3	4.6	1.3	8.2
Crude Oil	5.216	0.5	11.9	1.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.9
Natural Gas	1.708	44.6	10.0	-8.9	-14.5	-13.0	-5.2
Refinery Products	5.939	-0.4	3.0	3.1	29.0 [#]	1.5	0.4
Fertilizers	1.254	12.7	0.0	0.4	-3.4	1.5	-0.1
Steel	6.684	6.0	13.2	10.3	4.1	11.5	0.5
Cement	2.406	10.5	4.5	6.7	7.7	3.1	5.6
Electricity	10.316	6.2	5.6	8.1	4.0	6.0	8.0
Overall Index	37.903	6.6	6.6	5.0	6.5	4.2	3.5

[#]Refinery Products' yearly growth rate of 2012-13 is not comparable with other years on account of inclusion of RIL (SEZ) production data since April, 2012.

Performance of Eight Core Industries
Monthly Index & Growth Rate
 Base Year: 2004-05=100

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Sector	Coal	Crude Oil	Natural Gas	Refinery Products	Fertilizers	Steel	Cement	Electricity	Overall Index
Weight	4.379	5.216	1.708	5.939	1.254	6.684	2.406	10.316	37.903
Mar-14	208.0	112.1	108.8	184.9	92.1	227.3	227.0	172.9	177.9
Apr-14	140.5	109.6	104.7	165.8	87.4	192.8	217.5	176.9	160.9
May-14	145.2	111.6	111.2	171.6	100.5	214.3	216.4	183.2	168.7
Jun-14	139.2	110.4	109.4	173.3	99.5	196.1	209.7	181.5	163.9
Jul-14	134.9	111.1	103.5	170.8	102.5	200.4	206.9	182.8	163.9
Aug-14	138.6	106.8	103.1	175.1	105.7	209.3	187.7	183.6	165.1
Sep-14	140.1	107.5	102.6	169.7	101.1	197.4	198.0	175.3	160.6
Oct-14	158.2	113.6	107.2	180.5	105.1	189.8	185.9	184.1	165.9
Nov-14	174.0	111.0	106.2	181.3	104.4	195.8	190.8	174.6	166.2
Dec-14	186.0	113.4	109.4	186.2	108.5	207.9	211.2	175.7	172.7
Jan-15	185.0	112.6	108.5	185.7	111.6	218.9	217.2	175.7	174.8
Feb-15	185.9	101.5	95.8	166.0	97.5	195.9	205.7	164.8	161.5
Mar-15	220.4	113.9	107.2	182.5	96.9	217.3	217.4	175.9	177.8

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Weight	4.379	5.216	1.708	5.939	1.254	6.684	2.406	10.316	37.903
Mar-14	0.6	-1.6	-9.3	3.4	-6.1	11.8	0.4	5.4	4.0
Apr-14	3.3	-0.1	-7.7	-2.2	11.1	3.1	6.7	11.2	4.2
May-14	5.5	-0.3	-2.2	-2.3	17.6	-2.0	8.7	6.3	2.3
Jun-14	8.1	0.1	-1.7	1.2	-1.0	4.2	13.6	15.7	7.3
Jul-14	6.2	-1.0	-9.0	-5.5	-4.2	-3.4	16.5	11.2	2.7
Aug-14	13.4	-4.9	-8.3	-4.3	-4.3	9.1	10.3	12.6	5.8
Sep-14	7.2	-1.1	-6.2	-2.5	-11.6	4.0	3.2	3.8	1.9
Oct-14	16.2	1.0	-4.2	4.2	-7.0	2.3	-1.0	13.2	6.3
Nov-14	14.5	-0.1	-2.9	8.1	-2.8	1.3	11.3	10.2	6.7
Dec-14	7.5	-1.4	-3.5	6.1	-1.6	-2.4	3.8	3.7	2.4
Jan-15	1.7	-2.3	-6.6	4.7	7.1	1.6	0.5	2.7	1.8
Feb-15	11.6	-1.9	-8.1	-1.0	-0.4	-4.4	2.7	5.2	1.4
Mar-15	6.0	1.7	-1.5	-1.3	5.2	-4.4	-4.2	1.7	-0.1
