

and foreign origin for being involved in illegal gratification. Fresh show cause notices have been issued to IMI, Israel and other firms based on the contents of the charge sheet. IMI, Israel in its interim reply has requested to provide all documents and other substantiating material. The firm has been provided with the available documents in the Ministry and has been directed to submit their reply to the show cause notice within a period of 15 days by OFB. A decision regarding the penal action will be taken after examining the reply of IMI and in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice and CVC.

(b) Does not arise.

Slow industrial growth rate

*36. SHRI N. K. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the low industrial growth rate that was reported for the months of August, September and November, 2010;

(b) the reasons for the slump in growth rate; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bring the industrial growth rate back on track?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (c) Industrial growth, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), witnessed fluctuation in the current year. Overall growth remained moderate in September, November and December 2010. Monthly growth numbers, however, are not reflective of the trends as this is considerably influenced by the base and other exogenous factors. The cumulative growth in the financial year at 8.6% during April-December 2010 is aligned to the growth achieved in the same period of the previous year.

Moderation in the IIP growth in September and December was on account of a negative growth in capital goods. Near stagnation of the production of consumer non durable goods also affected the overall industrial performance. Sectoral growth of IIP is indicated in Table below:

	Basic Goods	Capital goods	Interme- diates	Consumer Durables	Consumer Non Durables	Overall IIP	Manufac- turing
Year on year growth (Fiscal Year) in per cent							
2008-09	2.6	8.2	-1.8	4.7	6.1	3.2	3.3
2009-10	7.2	20.9	13.6	24.6	0.4	10.5	11.0
Year on year growth in per cent							
April'10	9.1	64.1	10.8	32.1	4.8	16.6	18.0
May'10	8.2	37.2	11.0	23.7	1.0	12.2	12.9
June'10	3.3	7.5	9.7	26.5	2.0	7.2	7.4
Jul'10	5.2	65.0	9.8	22.5	1.1	15.1	16.5
Aug'10	4.2	2.5	11.3	27.1	1.5	7.3	8.0
Sep'10	4.7	-3.6	11.2	10.8	1.9	4.9	5.2
Oct'10	8.8	21.5	10.6	30.9	0.1	11.3	11.9
Nov'10	6.4	12.8	2.3	4.4	-4.6	3.6	3.2
Dec'10	5.2	-13.7	6.6	18.5	-1.1	1.6	1.0
April-December (growth in per cent)							
2009-10	6.1	11.2	12.5	22.6	1.4	8.6	8.9
2010-11	6.1	16.7	9.2	21.41	0.7	8.6	9.1

The major focus areas for improving the industrial climate during the 11th Plan have been the creation of world class infrastructure and devising regulatory mechanism to reduce transaction costs; promotion and facilitation of industrial investment including the foreign direct investment; improvement in business environment; development of industrial infrastructure through public private initiatives; removal of regional industrial imbalances; and development of industry relevant skills.

Unemployment in the country

*37. SHRI N. BALAGANGA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: