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Industrial Production Quantities decrease by 7.7% during February

2018 compared with the same month of 2017

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicates a decrease in the General Industrial Production Quantities for Feb 2018 to reach 83.9 against 90.9 for the same month of 2017 recording a decrease by 7.7%. This mainly was a result of a decrease in the production quantities of manufacturing industries by 8.0% with a relative importance of 86.0% representing a decrease of 6.9 percentage points, the quantities of quarrying production by 5.4% with a relative importance of 8.2% representing a decrease of 0.4 percentage points and the quantities of electricity production by 6.2% with a relative importance of 5.8% representing a decrease of 0.4 percentage points.

The report also indicates a decrease in the industrial index number of the industrial production for Feb 2018 to reach 83.9 against 94.3 for Jan of the same year to retreat by 11.0 %. This has resulted mainly from a decrease in the production quantities of the manufacturing Industries by 10.5% with a relative importance of 86.0% representing a decrease of 9.0 percentage points, the quantities of quarrying production by 12.7% with a relative importance of 8.2% representing a decrease of 1.0 percentage points and the quantities of electricity production by 16.8% with a relative importance of 5.8 % representing a decrease of 1.0 percentage points.

Comparing the index number for the first two months of 2018, it shows a decrease in the Index number of industrial production quantities to reach 89.1 versus 92.9 for the same period of 2017. representing a decrease by 4.1% compared with the same period of 2017. This mainly was a result of a retreat in the index number of industrial production quantities of the manufacturing Industries by 5.1% with a relative importance of 86.0% representing a decrease by 4.4% percentage points and the quantities of electricity production by 3.0% with a relative importance of 5.8% representing a decrease by 0.2 percentage points. Meanwhile, there was a an increase in the index number of quantities of quarrying production by 6.2% with a relative importance of 8.2%, representing an increase by 0.5 percentage points.

Fig.1: The IPI Index Number by month for 2017 & 2018

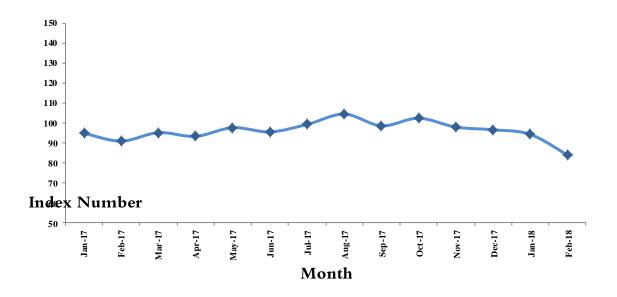
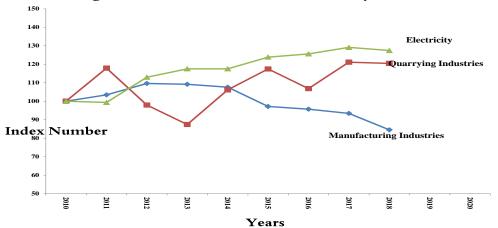


Fig 2: IPI for maim Industries for the years 2017 & 2018



The average monthly and accumulative change of Industrial Production Quantities ${\it during~2017~and~2018}$

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Year												
Monthly												
	-2.0	-4.1	4.6	-1.9	4.6	-2.2	3.9	5.2	-5.6	3.9	-4.3	-1.4
2016												
Monthly												
	-2.4	-11.0										
2017												
Accumulative 2017	-2.4	-4.1										