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In the preceding month, the growth stood at 8.4 per cent, indicating a jump in construction activity,” the ministry’s data showed “The core sectors’ growth was 3.2 per cent in the preceding month, while it was 1.1 per cent in June 2025. The increase in growth for the month of June was due to an increase in output of cement, electricity and iron ore,” the ministry said.

The government on Monday said that India’s production growth of nine core infrastructure sectors at a five-month high of 5 per cent in June. This is the first revised series of the index of core industries (ICI) with a new base year of 2022-23, expanding its coverage with the inclusion of iron ore. Issuing the data, the ministry of commerce and industry on Monday said that under the new series (base year 2022-23), India’s core sectors recorded a cumulative growth of 5 per cent year-on-year in June. “The core sectors’ growth was 3.2 per cent in the preceding month, while it was 1.1 per cent in June 2025.

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“However crude oil output continued to be under pressure as it fell by 4.2 per cent in June as well. At the same period, natural gas production continued to slip, as it fell 7.4 per cent in June in comparison to a decline of 5 per cent in May. Meanwhile, steel production remained robust, rising by 4.6 per cent in the last month after a 5.1 per cent climb in May. The coal sector witnessed an uptick of 1.4 per cent, after a 9.5 per cent decline in the preceding month,” the data showed.

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Centre Says No DPR Received For Proposed Rishikesh Metro Extension, Project Yet To Reach Approval Stage

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The Central Government has clarified that it has not yet received any Detailed Project Report (DPR) from the Uttarakhand government for extending an urban rail system to Rishikesh.

In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu stated, “No Detailed Project Report (DPR) to extend an urban rail transport project, such as Metro Rail or Metro Neo/Metrolite upto Rishikesh has been received in this Ministry from the concerned State Government.”

The response came after Rajya Sabha MP Dr Kalpana Saini sought clarification on whether any proposal for extending an urban rail network, including Metro Rail, Metro Neo or Metrolite, to Rishikesh was pending with the Centre.

She also asked whether any timeline had been fixed for commencing construction of the proposed project.

The ministry clarified that urban transport falls under the jurisdiction of state governments, making them responsible for identifying, planning and developing metro and other mass transit projects. The Centre's role begins only after a formal proposal is submitted for consideration.

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Explaining the approval process, Sahu said, “The Central Government provides financial assistance to metro rail projects in accordance with provision of the Metro Rail Policy, 2017 as and when posed by the concerned State Government depending upon feasibility of the proposal and availability of resources.”

The issue has gained attention in recent months following Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March, during which he requested the extension of the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) from Meerut to Haridwar and Rishikesh.

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