

**PRESS RELEASE****No. 51 of September 6, 2004****on main short term indicators in July and during 1.I-31.VII.2004**

**Industrial production** increased, both in July 2004 as against July 2003, and during 1.I-31.VII.2004. In this period, more important growths were registered in manufacturing, gross index being 104.8%, and adjusted one (according to number of working days) was 104.7%. Gross index of industrial production during 1.I-31.VII.2004 increased by 4.0 percentages, and that calculated under comparable conditions from the viewpoint of working days number increased by 3.8 percentages. In July 2004, as against July 2003, industrial production index calculated under comparable conditions increased by 5.3%, and gross one increased by 1.9%.

Total turnover<sup>1)</sup> of enterprises having industry as their main activity was during 1.I-30.VI.2004 by 10.0% higher in real terms, as compared to the same period of previous year.

**The main resources of primary energy**, during 1.I-31.VII.2004 amounted to 24013.0 thou tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup>, of which 14572.4 thou tons equivalent oil<sup>2)</sup> from domestic production.

**Investments** achieved in economy in the first semester of 2004 accounted for ROL 105735.6 billion, increasing in real terms by 10.0% as against the first semester of 2003.

Investments in new construction works amounted to ROL 45155.0 billion (42.7% of total), increasing by 8.9% as compared to the first semester of 2003. Investments in transport equipment and means amounted to ROL 54399.5 billion (51.4% of total) and were by 21.3% over the level of the same period in 2003.

In the first semester of 2004, **construction works** amounted to ROL 78449.8 billion, increasing by 7.7% as against the first semester of 2003. By type of work, in this period, new construction works were carried out amounting to ROL 45155.0 billion, representing 57.6% of total construction works.

Capital repair works accounted for ROL 13534.6 billion (17.2% of total construction works) and maintenance and current repair works achieved in existent buildings and construction represented 25.2%.

In the first quarter of 2004, **new orders in construction** amounted to ROL 29891.6 billion, engineering construction representing 67.7% of total orders.

In the first semester of 2004, 15500 **construction licences** were released for residential buildings, of which, those for single dwelling residential buildings represented 97.8% as against total. Residential buildings for which construction licences comprised, according to the projects, 17237 dwellings, with an useful area of 2510.3 thousand sq.m..

In the first semester of 2004, the number of **finished dwellings** was 9708. 1913 dwellings were built from budgetary subsidies. In this period, the number of finished dwellings from population funds was higher as against those built in the first semester of 2003, this category still holding the highest weight

<sup>1)</sup> Total turnover comes from main activity, and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

<sup>2)</sup> Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

(80.2% of total finished dwellings).

On June 30, 2004, 84406 dwellings were in various **execution stages** of construction works, in account of economic units and population; of which, 35.9% were in an advanced finalisation stage.

**Livestock**, existent on July 31, 2004, as against July 31, 2003, were by 6.4% higher for sheep and goats, by 5.1% more for cattle and decreased by 21.7% for pigs.

During 1.I-30.VI.2004, turnover of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (except trade with motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 14.1% over the level registered in the same period of 2003, higher growths being obtained in sales of non-food goods (+16.7%).

In this period, turnover of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** was by 11.7% higher than in the same period of 2003, being supported by the growth both of turnover volume obtained from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+14.1%), and that obtained from trade with motor vehicles (+ 9.0%).

In the first semester of 2004, the activity of **market services rendered to the population** registered a turnover by 17.5% higher than in the same period of 2003.

**Average number of pensioners** was 6236 thousand persons in the second quarter of 2004, decreasing by 0.4% as against the first quarter of 2004.

Social insurance pensioners represented 99.5% of total pensioners; in this category, as against the first quarter of 2004, the number of state social insurance pensioners increased by 4 thousands, and that of farmer pensioners decreased by 28 thousand persons.

Ratio between number of pensioners and employees was 1.5 pensioners per employee.

In the second quarter of 2004, monthly average pension of state social insurance pensioners was ROL 2220512 monthly, increasing by 2.2% as against the first quarter of 2004.

Ratio between average state social insurance pension for age limit, full contribution stage (without tax) and net average earning was 51.8% in the second quarter of 2004.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of registered unemployed** at the end of July 2004 was 562.6 thousand persons. In comparison with July 2003, number of unemployed registered in the agencies for employment was by 87.8 thousands lower. Of total unemployed, women represented 41.2%.

**Unemployment rate** registered in July 2004 was 6.2% in relation with total active civil population (6.5% in previous month and 7.2% in July 2003). In the same month, women unemployment rate was 5.3% (5.6% in June 2004 and 6.5% in July 2003) and men unemployment rate was 7.0% (7.3% in June 2004 and 7.8% in July 2003).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Hunedoara (11.3%), Braşov and Vaslui (11.2% each). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Bihor (1.6%), Satu Mare (2.0%), Timiş (2.8%) as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.8%).