

GROWTH OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

Although Escom's figures for industrial supplies do not represent a complete picture, since they do not distinguish supplies of electricity furnished to industrial consumers by municipalities, and they do not

include supplies generated by industrial undertakings themselves, a broad picture of industrial development in the Republic during the past five years can be seen in the following sales (millions of units) to the main categories of the industry:—

	Units Sold (millions)				
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Building and Cement (including quarrying).	327	447	508	530	562
Chemical (including pharmaceutical)	849	868	1,023	1,098	1,214
Engineering (including the motor industry).	201	357	393	415	544
Foodstuffs, Consumer Goods and Commercial.	560	624	751	935	1,022
Iron, Steel and Base Metals.	1,659	1,991	2,326	2,435	2,680
Paper and Paper Products	212	212	267	416	469

UNITS GENERATED AND SOLD

The total units generated in all Escom's Undertakings in the year 1967 amounted to 30,422 million units, which represents an increase of 11.1 per cent over the corresponding figure for 1966.

Purchases from other Undertakings amounted to

69 million units, being considerably less than the figure of 629 million units during 1966. If outside purchases are taken into account the rate of increase in generation becomes 8.8 per cent.

The figures of units generated and purchased, and of units sold for all Undertakings were as follows:—