

counties, 506 towns and 11,006 villages reached fairly well – off level. 1,200 million yuan was spent on the aid – the – poor project, at the end of 1999 the number of the population in poverty reduced 600 thousand.

The major problem in agriculture and rural economy was the comparatively low profit of agriculture, the great difficulties of transferring the surplus rural laborers and the slow increase of peasants' income.

II. Industry and Construction

Industrial production enjoyed moderate increase. In 1999, the total industrial output reached 455,634 million yuan, creating an increase of 11.5%. the output of the state – owned industry reached 86,087 million yuan, creating an increase of 6.7%; the output of the collective industry reached 27,017 million yuan, having increased 7.9%; the output of the industry of other sorts reached 33,903 million yuan, creating an increase of 24%. Affected by the increase of investment, the heavy industry advanced quickly. The output of the heavy industry reached 91,725 million yuan, having increased 13.3%; the output of the light industry reached 55,282 million yuan, creating an increase of 6.6%. The rate of industrial production and marketing was improved, the rate of production and marketing of state – owned enterprises and the non – state interposes whose yearly marketing value was over 5,000 thousand yuan reached 98.14%, having increased 0.74%.

New progress was made in the adjustment of industrial structure. To fit the demands of the market, some of the major industrial products enjoyed an increase and some received a decrease. The output of cement reached 22,738.5 tons, having increased 15.8%; steel 3,065 thousand tons, having increased 13.3%; iron 3,249.3 thousand tons, having increased 16.1%; finished steel 2,887.9 thousand tons, having increased 14.6%; ten kinds of non – ferrous metals 665.7 thousand tons, having increased 14%; electric power generation 33,251 million kw/h, having increased 0.1%; cigarette 2,293.9 thousand boxes, having decreased 1.3%; fertilizers and chemical pesticides increased 4.6% and 2.3% respectively. Effective enterprises were strongly supported and many small lowly effective enterprises were closed or rectified.