

A Note on Industrial and Trade Classification-Reply

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We are happy that our note on Industrial and Trade Classification establishing a broad correspondance between the old and new ASI classification at 3 digit level as also the MSP (New), ITC and RITC classifications (this journal, September 1978, Vol. 20, No.3) has caught the discerning eye of the critical researcher and we would like to offer some comments on his note.

The author has classified the errors in our correspondance into three types, the first two of which relate to inappropriate classification of industries and the third is about the break-up of industries beyond three digit level. Considering the first two types, we wonder how we indulged in so obvious a misclassification in respect of Ice Production (215), Cold Storage (741), Wool Cleaning, Bailing and Pressing (240) and Jute and Mesta Pressing and Bailing (250). These industries are rightly classified in our final version of the table and we regret appending the unrevised version to our note by mistake. However, a mistake made is a mistake and we are thankful to Mr. Bishnoi for pointing these out.

In respect of the industries such as Plastic Products n.e.c. (except house furnishing) (303), Distribution of Electric Energy (401), manufacture of Made up Textile Goods (except garments) such as curtains, mosquito nets, etc. (266), manufacture of all types of textiles, garments including wearing apparel (264) we are sorry, we have classified them wrongly and thank the author for bringing this to our notice and correcting us.

While we admit our misclassification in respect of the industries noted above, we disagree with the authors' classification in respect of the following industries. The industry of Spinning, Weaving and Finishing of Other Textiles — synthetic fibres (247) and Printing, Dyeing and Bleaching of synthetic textiles (248) pertain to Man-made fibres and hence should be classified under 311 of old ASI as we have done, rather 231. Surprisingly the industry of Book Binding (288) and Printing, Publishing and allied