

V.B.1. A Study on Production Structures of the Infrastructure of the SAARC Countries

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The paper compares production structures of the infra-structure (i.e., Energy and Transport sectors) of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh using input-output system. Various multipliers are calculated and compared for the three nations. Then the paper discusses row and column measures to interpret the comparability of structure of production of the infrastructural sectors (Energy and Transport). All these measures show a stronger similarity between that of India and Pakistan in their production structures of the specified infra structural sectors. The paper also computes the amount of water pollutants produced by the infrastructural sectors of the SAARC economies and determines the total amount of water pollutants generated directly and indirectly. This paper suggests possibility of the existence of scope for economic cooperation among SAARC economies with regard to the concerned infra structural sectors.