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2 **Economic Growth in India: Evidence from SVAR Framework**

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4 **Abstract**

5 This study examine the effects of electricity consumption from different sectors such as
6 agricultural, commercial, domestic, Industrial (HV), Industrial (LV-MV) and Miscellaneous
7 sector on economic growth over the period of 1981-2019 in case of India. We used SVAR
8 framework and concluded that the consumption of electricity from agriculture sector has a
9 negative impact on economic growth. Whereas, the Industrial (HV and MV-LV) and commercial
10 electricity consumption have positive impact on economic growth. Similarly, electricity
11 consumption by the domestic sector has less positive effect on economic growth. Further, we
12 computed the total factor productivity growth (TFP) by using DEA method and show the effects
13 of sector wise electricity consumption on TFP as the robustness of our analysis. We obtain
14 similar kind of results. From the policy perceptive, the study suggests that government must
15 speed up the construction of a power grid to improve the availability of electricity for achieving
16 higher rate of economic growth.

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18 VAR

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22 **1. Introduction**

23 In last 20 years, multiple research are carried out to examine the possible linkage of energy
24 usage and economic development. It is being observed that the world's energy demand is
25 continuously rising (Suganthi et al., 2012). The exponential growth of the human population,
26 migration and urbanisation is the primary driver of global energy consumption growth. (Apergis
27 et al. (2011), Ouedraogo et al (2013) and Chen et al. (2007, 2017)). Electricity power is a
28 prominent source of secondary Renewable energy that is obtained through the conversion of
29 primary energy. It is a form of crucial energy resource that is directly related to the country's
30 economy and it's citizen's development and well-being. Electricity is considered as a critical
31 contributor in the advancement of economic and social development. Raising electrical power
32 usage, particularly in the development of industrial sector, is a vital indicator of a country's
33 increasing per capita income and economic well being. The rapid development of India's
34 economy has resulted in a substantial increase in electricity demand. Electricity production and
35 consumption have a direct impact on economic growth and development quality. (Salahuddin
36 and Alam (2016); Bhattacharya et al. (2016); Rafindadi and Ozturk (2016); Adedokun (2015);
37 Sarwar et al. (2017); Cowan et al. (2014); Hossain (2012); Omri (2014)) studies the possible
38 association between the use of electricity and economic development activity with respect to four
39 dimensions of (conservative, growth, neutrality, and feedback). Since the economic reform of
40 1990, Industrialization, Urbanisation, and agricultural modernisation have all contributed to
41 India's rapid economic development. The electricity consumption in India has witnessed a high
42 surge from the year 2000. The number of residences having access to electric power has spiked
43 dramatically from almost 55 per cent in 2001 to excess of 80 per cent in 2017. In 2014, an
44 electrified Indian family used roughly 90 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month, which was adequate
45 to support four ceiling fans, four tube lights, a small refrigerator, a television, and smaller
46 kitchen equipment during typical Indian consumption efficiency levels, and hours. It accounts for
47 three-quarters of Chinese monthly household consumption, a tenth of US consumption, and a
48 third of global consumption. In terms of som total of power consumption in 2018-19, the
49 industry sector accounted for the highest proportion (42.0%), followed by the household
50 (24.0%), agriculture (18.0%), and commercial sectors (10 per cent). From 2009-10 to 2018-19,

51 energy consumption in the industrial and home sectors grew substantially quicker than in other
52 sectors, with CAGRs of 7.4% and 6.7%, respectively. (Energy Statistics, 2019).

53 Our Investigation differs from the current literature in three ways. First, we have segregated the
54 electricity consumption of India over different sectors viz. agricultural, commercial, domestic,
55 Industrial (both HV and LV – MV) and miscellaneous sectors to study the effect of each sector
56 rather than the aggregate effect. Second, we have used economic freedom and urbanisation as the
57 control variables, which are lacking in the previous studies. These factors have an impact on
58 energy consumption and economic growth in developing countries like India. Finally, we
59 assessed total factor productivity (TFP) growth and proved the impact of sector-specific power
60 consumption on total factor productivity (TFP) to ensure the validity of our findings.

61 The remaining of the research is organised as follows. Section 2 is discuss about the review
62 of literature on economic growth and electricity usage. Section 3 represents the research
63 methodology and the source of data. Section 4 reveals the empirical results of the study. The
64 final section discusses the conclusions of the study.

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66 **2. Literature Review**

67 Since the landmark research, of Kraft and Kraft (1978) and Acaravci et al. (2015) shows, the
68 cause and effect association between economic activity and electricity use and reveals that
69 energy consumption promotes economic growth in a one-way fashion. Salahuddin and Alam
70 (2016) examined OECD countries' panel data on electricity use, information technology, and
71 economic activity from 1985 to 2012 using the Dumitrescu–Hurlin causality test and the pooled
72 mean group regression technique. It is determined that the higher usage of electricity stimulates
73 development and economic growth. Masuduzzaman (2012) studied the possible association
74 between financial investment, economic development, and electric power usage in Bangladesh
75 using causality analysis and co-integration. The variables were discovered to have a long-term
76 relationship. Electricity is considered to be the Granger cause of the growth of an economy.

77 Some other studies (Nasreen and Anwar (2014); Adedokun (2015); Asafu-Adjaye (2000);
78 Apergis and Payne (2010); Apergis and Payne (2011)) support the feedback and conservative
79 hypothesis between usage of electricity and economic growth. In this context, Bayar and Ozel

80 (2014) studies the linkage between economic activity and use of electricity in 21 growing
81 countries, along with India, using Granger causality and panel co-integration analyses. Panel co-
82 integration and Granger techniques were applied to a set of data for a period of four decades
83 from 1970–2011. They observed that electric power usage effects economic growth positively in
84 all of the nations studied and it is noticed that there exists a bidirectional causality between
85 economic activity and energy use. Ocal and Aslan (2013) The Toda-Yamamoto causality tests
86 were used to validate the conservation theory in Turkey from 1990 to 2010. Rafindadi and Ozturk
87 (2016) investigated how trade and commerce influence Japan's electricity use. Their studies also
88 revealed a causal feedback impact between exports, use of electricity, imports, economic
89 activity, financial expansion, and capital formation. Despite much evidence supporting a
90 unidirectional or bidirectional linkage among renewable energy deployment, and economic
91 growth or any other contradictory research argument that no such relationship exists. In this
92 case, Cowan et al. (2014) Using long-term panel data, researchers investigated the link between
93 economic activity, electric power use, and carbon emissions for the BRICS countries from 1990
94 to 2010, In the cases of India, Brazil, and China, the neutrality hypothesis was validated, as was
95 the conservation hypothesis for South Africa and feedback hypothesis for Russia was also
96 validated. However, For the countries like Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan, from the year 1976
97 to 2009, Hossain (2012) was unable to determine a causal association between electric power
98 use, exports , remittances and economic activity. In another study, Joyeux and Ripple (2007)
99 found no co-integration between household energy usage and GDP using panel data for some of
100 the East Indian Ocean countries. For the period 1971–2007, Hossain and Saeki (2011) used a
101 VECM model with two important variables on data from Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka,
102 Pakistan, and Iran. They identified a co-integration vector in support of the hypothesis for
103 economic growth with the use of electricity in Bangladesh, as well as in India, Pakistan, and
104 Nepal, there is support for electricity-driven economic growth, as well as the conservative
105 hypothesis' application. Other studies in India demonstrate the impact of energy use on other
106 economic activities. By using a model with two variables spanning the years 1950–1996, Ghosh
107 (2002) revealed that the Dimensions were not co-integrated and that economic growth was
108 influenced by electricity use, rather than the other way around. Kumari and Sharma (2016) found
109 similar results between 1974 and 2014 using the same methods. In another study, Ghosh (2009)
110 used a multivariate model to observe the association among electric power utilization and

111 development in economic growth, Adding employment as a variable and substituting supply of
112 electricity for variable electric power use. There was evidence of a co-integration link and one-
113 way Granger causation from electricity supply to employment and GDP. Using a bivariate VAR
114 model, Murray and Nan (1994) and Chen et al. (2007) concluded that India's economic
115 development activity and electricity use were not co-integrated. Similarly, Abbas and
116 Choudhury (2013) advocated for India's neutrality hypothesis. They concluded that, in order to
117 ensure environmental sustainability, India's electricity consumption might be cut without hurting
118 the country's economic growth.

119 Srivastava (2016), on the contrary, used an correction element model of Granger
120 causality on different state-level panel data to discover a two way association among economic
121 activity and electricity use in India. Similarly, Ahmad et al. (2014) explained the presence of co-
122 integration among economic activity and electricity use, which forces each other, using the
123 ARDL model.

124 **3. Data Sources and Methodology**

125 *3.1. Data Sources*

126 The research uses the yearly data from 1981 to 2019 to examine the association between sector-
127 wise electricity consumption and economic growth, i.e. agricultural, commercial, domestic,
128 Industrial (HV), Industrial (LV-MV) and Miscellaneous sectors of India. The electricity
129 consumption variables are consumed in the agricultural, commercial, domestic, Industrial (HV),
130 Industrial (LV-MV) and Miscellaneous sectors. The sector-wise data are gathered from the
131 Foundation database of Economic & Political Weekly. The degree of economic freedom and
132 urbanisation are used as control variables in the model. The data on the degree of economic
133 freedom and urbanisation are gathered from the World Bank Database's world Development
134 Indicator. Finally, Total Factor Productivity data is also used as an output variable to conduct a
135 robustness check of the results derived from GDP using an output variable. Data at constant
136 prices (2011US\$) on real GDP is taken as a proxy for economic growth, constant prices
137 (2011US\$) real capital stock is taken, total primary energy consumption and labour force are
138 used to estimate the total factor productivity growth. Real capital stock statistics and real GDP
139 are sourced from the database of Penn World (PWT9.0), while data about the labour force is

140 sourced from the Indicators of World Bank's World Development reports and the database of
 141 UNCTAD. Total primary consumption of energy data is gathered from the repository of US
 142 (EIA) Energy Information Administration, and data is represented in Quadratic Btu Units.

143 3.2. Methodology

144 We have used the Structural VAR to observe the short-run associations between sectoral
 145 decomposition of electricity consumption on economic growth in India. The SVAR framework is
 146 explained as follows.

147 3.2.1. SVAR Framework

148 We have used the structural VAR approach model to investigate the relationship between
 149 electricity consumption and economic growth in India. The VAR (p) model is written as
 150 follows:

$$151 \quad Y_t = \beta^* X_t' + \mu_t' \quad (1)$$

152 Where, Y_t is a (4×1) vector comprising of the four endogenous variables i.e. economic freedom ,
 153 urbanisation, electricity consumption, and economic growth. X_t is the lagged of the endogenous
 154 variables. μ_t' is (4×1) vectors of residuals. The unrestricted VAR cannot able to detect the shock
 155 of one variable to other variables therefore we have used the structural VAR (SVAR) model into
 156 our analysis. We represent the SVAR Model as follows:

$$157 \quad Ae_t = B\mu_t \quad (2)$$

158 where, e_t and μ_t are vectors of residuals derived from reduced VAR and structural shocks,
 159 respectively, A and B are K^{th} matrices that define the linear relationship between VAR residuals
 160 and structural shocks. By following the theoretical relationship among the variable we have
 161 given the restriction and the model is as follows.

$$162 \quad \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & a_Y^{UR} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{UR}^{EC} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{EF}^{UR} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e_t^Y \\ e_t^{EC} \\ e_t^{UR} \\ e_t^{EF} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & b_Y^{EC} & 0 & b_Y^{EF} \\ 0 & 1 & b_{EC}^{UR} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ b_{EF}^Y & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mu_t^Y \\ \mu_t^{EC} \\ \mu_t^{UR} \\ \mu_t^{EF} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

163 Where the coefficients α_Y^{UR} are the outcome of economic growth (Y) because of unrealised
164 disturbance in form of rapid Urbanisation (UR), α_{UR}^{EC} is the response urbanisation (UR) due to
165 unexpected shock in electricity consumption (EC), α_{EF}^{UR} is the response of urbanisation due to
166 unexpected shock in economic freedom. In the same way, the coefficient b_{EC}^{UR} is the result of
167 electricity consumption (EC) due to unrealised disturbance in Urbanisation (UR), b_Y^{EC} is the
168 outcome of economic growth(Y) due to unexpected spike in electricity usage (EC), b_{EF}^Y is the
169 result of economic growth (Y) due to unexpected shock in economic freedom and b_Y^{EF} Economic
170 freedom's reaction to an unexpected shock in economic growth. The coefficients e_t^Y , e_t^{EC} ,
171 e_t^{UR} , e_t^{EF} and μ_t^Y , μ_t^{EC} , μ_t^{UR} , μ_t^{EF} are the residuals from the corresponding equations in the reduced
172 form VAR and structural disturbance term, respectively.

173 4. Results and Discussions

174 Before running the structural VAR model in time series analysis, the variables must be checked
175 for stationary. Since the assumptions of SVAR approach allows estimation of a co-integrating
176 vector with I(1) time series so, it is vital to exclude the possibility that any of the time series are
177 I(0) or I(2). In order to be sure that the analyses do not provide any spurious results. So, the
178 regressors can be I(1), but no variables should be I(2) or I(0). Using annual data from 1981 to
179 2019, a structural VAR model is applied to examine the empirical link among growth and
180 electricity usage. The unit root (Augmented Dickey Fuller, 1979) test is used to confirm that the
181 variables are stationary at first difference form. The results are presented in table-1.

182 At the level and first difference with intercept and trend, unit root tests were estimated. As
183 recommended by Schwarz, the lag selection was done using the Schwarz information criterion
184 (Pesaran and Shin, 1997). Table 1 shows the results of the ADF and PP unit root tests, which
185 show that all of the variables at the level are non-stationary at first but become stationary after
186 the first difference at the 1% level of significance. The ADF results are confirmed by the PP
187 Test, as shown in Table-1. A summary of the PP Tests and ADF is given in Table-1, confirming
188 that none of the variables is either I(2) or I(0), so the structural VAR framework can be
189 estimated.

190 In the next step, the structural VAR model is estimated. To investigate the short-run
191 dynamics between the predictors. The outcomes of the model are shown in Tables 2 and 3. Table
192 2 shows that the coefficient of the outcome of economic growth because of the structural shock
193 of electricity usage in the farming sector is significant statistically, which explains that 1% of
194 structural shock of electricity consumption in the agricultural sector accounts to a decrease in
195 economic growth by 0.34%. In contrast, the outcome of economic growth and development due
196 to the structural shock of electricity consumption in the other sectors such as (Commercial,
197 Domestic, industrial (HV) and Industrial (LV-MV)) are statistically significant and affects
198 positively to the economic growth. This represents that a 1% of structural shock of electricity
199 consumption in Commercial, Domestic, industrial (HV) and Industrial (LV-MV) leads to a
200 0.47%, 0.021%, 0.57% and 0.62% rise in economic growth and development by the electricity
201 usage in corresponding sectors respectively. The other structural coefficients like the response of
202 economic freedom due to economic growth, the response of urbanisation due to growth and the
203 response of growth due to economic freedom exhibit a positive short relationship between them.

204 The economic consequences of the structural shock in electricity usage are listed below.
205 First, the statistically significant relationships clearly highlights of a possibility that there is a
206 short-run association among electricity usage (except the miscellaneous sector) and growth. That
207 means electricity usage in all the sectors except the farming sector has a positive influence on the
208 economic growth, whereas electricity usage in the agricultural sector has a negative influence on
209 growth.

210 **[Insert Table 1 Here]**

211 **[Insert Table 2 Here]**

212 This is due to a number of issues in India's agriculture industry, including a lack of water,
213 inadequate infrastructure, land degradation, inexperienced agricultural labour, the adoption of
214 obsolete farming practises, and rising oil/petroleum prices. The other reason could be an
215 inefficient application of electricity in the farm sector and a lack of awareness among the
216 farming population of India to use energy efficient-high productive farming machinery.

217 On the contrary, **Table 2** shows that the electricity consumption by the industrial sector
218 (both HV, MV-LV) has a substantial beneficial impact on the economy. This represents that a

219 1% of structural shock of electricity consumption in industrial (HV) and industrial (LV-MV)
220 0.57% and 0.62% increase in economic growth. This finding is in alignment with the widely held
221 belief that increased energy usage leads to increased economic growth. (Abbas, Chaudhary 2013,
222 Asafu-Adjaye, J., 2000) also finds electricity use has a considerable impact on economic growth.
223 It can be explained in the following ways. First, The amount assigned to the industrial sector
224 continues to expand on average, despite India's positive average growth in energy supply.
225 Between 2000 and 2019, the industrial sector's share of electricity supply increased from 32.67
226 percent to 46.682 percent; however, the residential and commercial sectors' shares of electricity
227 supply increased at a slower rate, from 21.27 percent to 24.76 percent and 6.44 to 8.24 percent,
228 respectively. (Central Electricity Authority, 2018). Tariffs in the industrial sector have been
229 adjusted downward, according to the Central Electricity Authority, and these rates have been
230 sustainable in many circumstances. The high cost of electricity in the industrial sector as a result
231 of tariff increases could possibly explain the drop in electricity use in the industry.

232 Similarly, the sharp rise in demand of electricity, particularly from 1996, just the
233 subsequent year after India joined the WTO, could be attributed to increased demand for heating,
234 lighting, cooking, and electric appliances, as well as export-oriented industrial expansion.
235 Another probable reason for increased growth due to industrial sector electricity consumption is
236 the phenomenon of load shedding becoming less common after 2010, when India's electricity
237 generation capacity was optimised to meet the economy's expanding demands. Furthermore, the
238 industry is distinguished by the utilisation of cutting-edge, energy-efficient machinery.
239 Therefore, it is really not surprising that with the average electricity usage in India increased, the
240 industrial sector's contribution to GDP also increased during the period of study.

241 Likewise, **Table 2** shows that electricity consumption by the domestic sector has a much
242 less positive impact on economic growth. This represents that a 1% of structural shock of
243 electricity consumption in the industrial sector responds to an increase of 0.021% in economic
244 growth. The results reveal that rising home energy use contributed to India's economic growth
245 over the study period, this may have something to do with the fact that India's population is
246 growing at an alarmingly fast rate. It's worth noting that the most frequent appliances were
247 owned by a considerable section of the population, with cooking accounting for the highest
248 volume of per year use of total energy. In addition, domestic electrical equipment absorbs 75%

249 of all electricity utilised in households. (Central Electricity Board, May 2016). As a result,
250 income growth may appear to be a realistic component in the increase in domestic electricity
251 demand, because higher income levels may enable the purchase and use of more appliances.
252 McNeil and Letschert (2010) According to the report, refrigerators, air conditioners, chimneys,
253 and washing machines account for a large portion of the increase in electricity usage in emerging
254 countries. Therefore, when the market is saturated due to the fact that the entire population
255 possesses these enormous appliances, The demand for electricity savings from increasing the
256 efficiency of these large appliances is growing. In this respect, higher income makes it easier to
257 buy energy appliances because it is based on financial ability.

258 The growth due to increased domestic electricity consumption may also be attributed to
259 some other underlying causes. This could be explained by rising urbanisation and changing
260 lifestyles. Gupta (2018) adds to this by stating that urban lifestyles in emerging countries are
261 getting more energy-intensive. Similarly, Karanfil and Li (2015) found that, with the exception
262 of high-income nations, urbanisation is a significant influence in power use at all income levels,
263 with urbanisation in upper-middle-income countries like India, being the most major driver of
264 electricity use (World Bank, 2018). According to the World Bank statistics, around 34% of the
265 Indian citizens lived in urban areas in 2018, up from 25% in 1995. Nonetheless, the residential
266 sector's increased electricity demand can be linked to the government's refusal to raise price rates
267 for domestic supply of electricity, which is utilised in homes. (Central Electricity Authority,
268 2016). The elimination of these subsidies in the household sector will make energy use more
269 price sensitive, potentially changing the current relationship between residential electricity
270 consumption and growth.

271 As evident from **Table 2**, electricity consumption by the commercial sector has a
272 considerable positive effect on growth. This means that a 1% increase in electricity usage in the
273 commercial sector boosts GDP growth by 0.47 percent. The findings suggest that during the
274 study period, economic growth increased and it can to contributed by increased commercial
275 electricity usage, This may have something to do with the fact that the commercial sector is
276 developing at a high rate in India. This increase can be attributed to the development in the
277 tourism, banking, retail, education and many other service sectors. The tourism industry has

278 shown outstanding growth over the study period, due to which it has contributed significantly to
279 GDP growth. A similar trend has also been observed for the hospitality sector.

280 Similarly, the un-structural shock of urbanization on growth shows statistical significance
281 except for Industrial (HV) and miscellaneous sectors. In all the other sectors, the coefficient is
282 statistically significant, which indicates that the response of growth due to electricity usage is
283 increasing in all the sectors except in the case of home or domestic sector is positive. This
284 represents that a 1% of structural shock of urbanization leads to a 0.66%, 0.47%, and 0.1.33%
285 increase in GDP growth in agricultural, commercial industries (LV-MV), respectively.

286 In the next step, we estimate the impulse response function. The results are presented in
287 **Figure 1**. The results show the impact of a shock in electricity consumption in the agricultural
288 sector on GDP growth and is presented in **Figure 1 (a)**. Over the first to ten years, the
289 agricultural electricity demand shock has statistically significant and negative effects on
290 economic growth. The impact of a shock in electric power consumption on economic
291 development is depicted in Figure 1 (b).

292 **[Insert Figure 1(a) to 1(e) Here]**

293 From the first to the tenth years, the shock in commercial electricity use has a statistically
294 favourable impact on GDP growth rate, with the highest effect of shock during the third and
295 fourth years, after which the effect of sock begins to reduce gradually. **Figure 1 (c)** highlights the
296 effect of shock in domestic electricity consumption on GDP growth. This shows that the shock in
297 domestic electricity consumption has a statistically positive impact on the GDP growth rate from
298 the first to tenth years. Finally, **Figures 1(d) and 1(e)** show that the significant positive effects
299 on economic growth are observed due to the shock of industrial electricity consumption (both
300 HV and LV-MV).

301 *4.1.1 Robustness checking*

302 In order to obtain evidence of the robustness of our results, we calculate the total
303 productivity growth (TFP) by using the DEA method. Moreover, the TFP growth index was
304 constructed using the Malmquist index and was used as the output variable to examine the
305 robustness of the results obtained by using the GDP growth as the output variable. The TFP

306 growth index constructed uses not only labour and capital but total primary energy consumption
307 as a third dimension to include the effects of energy consumption. This aspect was not used
308 before in studying the behavior of electrifying consumption with growth variables. In several
309 sectors, the relationship between TFP growth and electricity consumption is established using
310 economic freedom and urbanisation as a robustness check for the established linkage between
311 electricity consumption and economic growth in various sectors. Our results are consistent and
312 are presented in table-3.

313 Table 3 shows that the coefficient of the response of TFP growth due to the structural
314 shock of electricity consumption in the agricultural sector is statistically significant, which
315 indicates that 1% of structural shock of electricity usage in the farm sector leads to a fall in TFP
316 growth by 0.031%. In contrast, the response of TFP growth due to the structural shock of
317 electricity consumption in the other sectors are statistically significant; the electricity
318 consumption in these sectors affects the TFP growth positively. This represents that a 1% of
319 structural shock of electricity usage in commercial industrial (HV), Industrial (LV-MV), and
320 miscellaneous sectors lead to a 0.027%, 0.46%, 0.115%, 0.1771%, and 0.15% increase in TFP
321 growth by the electricity consumption in corresponding sectors respectively.

322 **[Insert Table 3 Here]**

323 Other structural coefficients, such as economic freedom's response to TFP growth,
324 urbanization's response to TFP growth, and TFP growth's response to economic liberty, have a
325 short positive relationship. Similarly, the unstructured shock of urbanization on growth shows
326 statistical significance except for Industrial (HV) and miscellaneous sectors. In all the other
327 sectors, the coefficient is statistically significant, which indicates that the response of growth due
328 to electricity usage in all the arenas except the domestic sector is positive. This means that a 1%
329 urbanization structural shock leads to 0.17 percent, 0.077 percent, and 0.52 percent GDP growth
330 in agricultural, commercial, and manufacturing industries (LV-MV), respectively.

331 **5. Conclusion and Policy Implications**

332 During the period 1981-2019, this study analyzed empirically the linkage between electricity
333 usage in several sectors of India, including agriculture, home, commercial, industrial (HV),
334 industrial (LV-MV), and miscellaneous sectors, and GDP growth. For each sector, various

335 variables linked to electricity usage are proposed. Along with these variables, economic freedom
336 and urbanisation were used as instrumental variables to construct the variable.

337 Economic growth, electricity consumption, urbanisation, and economic freedom have all
338 been included as independent variables in a multivariate time series model. Two unit root tests
339 were performed to determine the sequence of integration for every series included in the model
340 to ensure consistency of results. The results of the PP test support ADF's conclusions that all
341 variables, including electricity consumption, are non-stationary at the level but become
342 stationary at the first difference. The findings of this study were based on empirical evidence.
343 Following that, structural VAR was used to see if there was a short-run link between the
344 variables. The results show the coefficient of the response of a variable due to the structural
345 shock of another variable. We observed that the coefficient of the outcome of economic growth
346 due to the structural shock of electricity consumption in the agricultural sector is statistically
347 significant, which indicates that 1% of structural shock of electricity usage in the farm sector
348 accounts to a fall in growth of economy by 0.34%. In contrast, though the coefficient of the
349 outcome of economic growth due to the structural shock of electricity consumption in the other
350 sectors is statistically significant, the electricity consumption in these sectors affects the
351 economic growth positively. Other structural coefficients, such as economic freedom's response
352 to growth, urbanization's response to growth, and growth's response to economic freedom, have a
353 short positive relationship. It revealed that economic growth, electricity consumption,
354 urbanisation and economic freedom are significantly related among themselves. In India,
355 population increase has a considerable impact on overall electricity consumption. Similarly,
356 economic freedom has a significant impact on electricity consumption, which could be explained
357 by the fact that countries with more economic freedom have stronger economies, with higher
358 GDP per capita, which will eventually lead to increased electricity consumption to meet the
359 increased demand to boost economic growth. From the policy perspective, the study suggests in
360 the following lines. First, in a big country like India, with diversity in all aspects of demography,
361 there are significant variations in development from one corner to another from east to west or
362 north to south of the country and from urban areas to rural areas. Similarly, according on income
363 levels, areas can be divided into four groups. We must accelerate the installation of a power
364 infrastructure in low- and middle-income areas to boost development. Simultaneously, we must

365 work to make the rural power grid and electricity prices equal to those in cities. Second,
366 urbanisation will have a significant impact on increased electricity demand. To accommodate an
367 increase in the urbanized population, the Indian government must consider increasing electricity
368 power-producing capacity. The use of electrically operated appliances by city dwellers has a
369 substantial impact on total electricity consumption. It would be critical to implement tax cuts and
370 customs reductions for eco-friendly energy appliances and a restriction on importing inefficient
371 electrical equipment that unnecessarily increases the use of electricity but is cheaper. Third,
372 policymakers must recognize that promoting agriculture programs and drawing greater industrial
373 investments to India will significantly increase electricity demand. Finally, Electricity power
374 construction must be incorporated into core public service construction to improve the
375 availability of electricity for low-income communities and to improve development.

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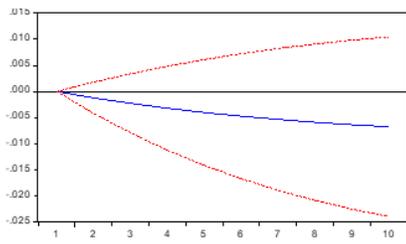
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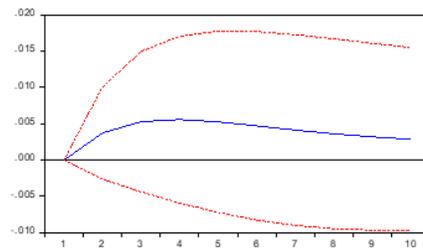
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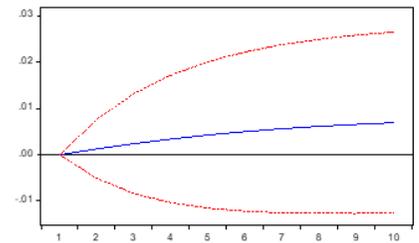
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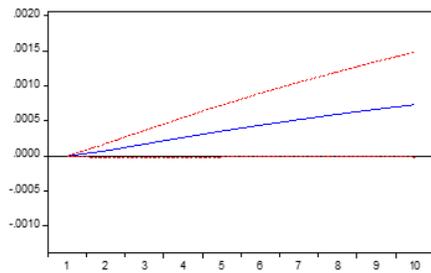
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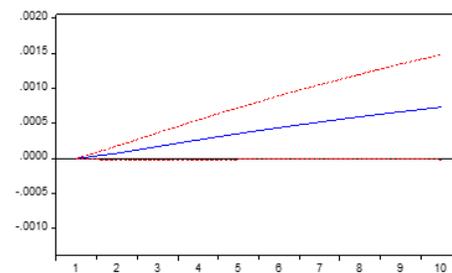
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Figure 1

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