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Govt spending on infra would help boost demand, says JCB India MD

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New Delhi: Sales of construction equipment — a barometer of economic activity — are expected to increase in healthy double digits in the ongoing financial year on the back of increased government spending on infrastructure projects, especially in rural areas.

The industry estimates sales of construction equipment (domestic sales and exports) to grow 15-20% in FY23, compared with an 8% fall last fiscal year. Even though exports grew 60.5% to 7,802 units in FY22, local sales fell 11.4% to 77,583 units.

“Last fiscal, the industry output declined by about 8% due to a fall in demand for road construction and earth-moving equipment,” said Deepak Shetty, managing director at market leader JCB India, while adding that the government’s focus on infrastructure investment to increase economic activity would, in turn, also help boost demand for them. But a steep rise in input costs and constraints in the supply chain are concerns, he said.

The central government has

