

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3810
ANSWERED ON 11/08/2026

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved, notified, operational and non-operational in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total investment, exports and employment generated by SEZs during each of the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any review of the performance of existing SEZs, including underutilised and non-operational SEZs, and if so, the details and findings thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revive, repurpose or denotify non-performing SEZs and simplify the regulatory framework to improve investment and exports, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to enhance competitiveness of SEZs in view of changing global trade patterns, implementation of Free Trade Agreements, and the proposed Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs (DESH) framework?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a) Special Economic Zones (SEZs) set up under the SEZ Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules, 2006 are primarily private investment driven initiatives. An SEZ may be set up either jointly or severally by the Central Government, State Government or any person for manufacture of goods or rendering services or for both or as a free trade warehousing zone. The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of the number of SEZs approved, notified, operational and non-operational are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The total investment, exports and employment generated by SEZs during each of the last five years, year-wise are at **Annexure-II**.

(c): The time taken in operationalizing SEZs could be due to several reasons including time taken for getting approvals from the Statutory/State Government bodies, adverse business climate due to shifts in global economic scenario, changes in fiscal incentives,

etc. Under the overall supervision of Department of Commerce, the office of jurisdictional Development Commissioner reviews the status of all SEZs on a regular basis by engaging State Governments and Developers to provide necessary facilitation, as and when required.

(d): With a view to ensuring the effectiveness, and reviving and improving investment and exports from SEZs, the Government undertakes various measures, including de-notification of SEZs, from time to time to remove operational challenges in SEZs in consultation with different stakeholders. Such measures or reforms including policy initiatives are continuous process and introduced in the administration of SEZs as and when needed.

(e): The Government periodically takes steps to enhance competitiveness of SEZs in view of changing global trade patterns. The SEZ Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules, 2006 have been amended from time to time to promote simplified regulatory regime, greater operational flexibility, enhanced integration with the domestic economy thereby creating an enabling ecosystem for investment, technology adoption, innovation and value addition in SEZs. The Free Trade Agreements with trading partners complement the SEZ framework in terms of expanded market access, deeper integration with global value chains and enhanced export opportunity.

Annexure-I referred to in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3810 for answer on 11.08.2026

State-wise distribution of SEZs (As on 31.07.2026)				
States/UTs	Total Approved SEZs	Total Notified SEZs	Total Operational SEZs	Non-Operational SEZs
Andhra Pradesh	36	31	25	6
Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	0	1
Bihar	2	2	0	2
Chandigarh	2	2	2	0
Chhattisgarh	4	3	1	2
Delhi	2	0	0	0
Goa	7	3	0	3
Gujarat	32	28	22	6
Haryana	25	22	8	14
Jharkhand	2	2	1	1
Karnataka	60	49	38	11
Kerala	24	20	19	1
Madhya Pradesh	13	8	6	2
Maharashtra	47	41	36	5
Manipur	1	1	0	1
Nagaland	2	2	0	2
Odisha	8	6	5	1
Puducherry	3	2	0	2
Punjab	5	3	3	0
Rajasthan	7	6	3	3
Sikkim	1	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	60	58	49	9
Telangana	55	50	38	12
Tripura	1	1	0	1
Uttar Pradesh	26	23	14	9
West Bengal	10	8	7	1
GRAND TOTAL	436	372	277	95

Annexure-II referred to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3810 for answer on 11.08.2026

Investment, exports and employment from SEZs during the last 5 years			
Financial Years	Investment* (Rs. Crore)	Exports (Rs. Crore)	Employment* (persons)
2021-22	6,49,705	9,90,747	26,96,180
2022-23	6,60,184	12,63,578	28,95,612
2023-24	7,07,342	13,55,220	31,94,104
2024-25	7,82,192	14,63,669	31,77,893
2025-26	7,59,870	16,36,192	32,61,147

Note: *Calculated on cumulative basis