

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2284
ANSWERED ON 07/08/2026

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGRI EXPORT ZONES

2284. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish new Agri Export Zones for mango, turmeric, millets, tapioca, flowers and other high-value crops in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (c) the estimated export potential?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (c) The concept of Agri Export Zone (AEZ) was introduced in 2001, under Chapter – 16 of Export–Import Policy, 1997–2001 (EXIM Policy) and in total, 60 Agri Export Zones (AEZ) were notified by the Government till 2004-05. A total of 4 Agricultural Export Zones (AEZs) were notified in Tamil Nadu as below:

Sr No.	Product	District(s) covered
1.	Flowers	Dharmapuri
2.	Flowers	Nilgiri District
3.	Mangoes	Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli
4.	Cashewnut	Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Pudukottai and Sivaganga

Further, no new AEZ has been set up after 2004 and all the notified AEZs have completed their intended span of 5 years.
