

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1504
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th MARCH,2018

LAND ACQUIRED FOR SEZs

1504. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

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

- whether over 60 per cent of total notified area for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is lying vacant;
- if so, the details thereof along with the total land acquired under SEZs indicating the details of agricultural and nonagricultural land separately;
- the total area of this acquired land for SEZs which is being actually utilised for the special purpose; and
- the details of the problems in making SEZs operational alongwith the amount spent on SEZs, employment generated and the amount of exports by SEZ units during the last three years?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Madam, 52% of the Notified Special Economic Zones (SEZs) land is presently vacant. Out of total notified area of 45,629.43 hectares in respect of 375 notified SEZs, 21872.71 hectares of land have been utilized and 23779.19 hectares land are lying vacant in these SEZs. In respect of 375 notified SEZs, 93.47% of land is waste/barren/ dry/industrial, 5.28% of land is single crop and 1.25% of land is double crop.

(d): Setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is a long term process and delay in commencement of commercial operations of the SEZs may be due to various reasons which include time taken in getting approvals from statutory/State Government bodies, adverse business climate due to changed global economic situation, changes in fiscal incentives, etc. No funds have been spent by the Central Government for setting up of SEZs after the enactment of SEZ Act, 2005. The details of export and employment in SEZs during the last three years is as under:

Year	Export (in Rs. Crores)	Employment* (in persons)
2015-2016	4,67,337	15,91,381

2016-2017	5,23,637	17,31,641
2017-2018 (as on 30.09.2017)	2,66,773	18,23,451

* Calculated on cumulative basis
