

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 924
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2018**

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEGA EMPLOYMENT ZONES

924. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to establish mega employment zones in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the features of the said employment zones;**
- (c) whether these zones are proposed to be set up in all the States of the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the time by which these zones will be fully functional and operational and the number of employment opportunities likely to be created therefrom?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (e): Fourteen Coastal Employment Zones (CEZ) have been identified along the coastline of the country under National Perspective Plan (NPP) of Sagarmala Programme. The CEZ under Sagarmala Programme is spatial economic regions spread over multiple coastal districts with strong port linkage. Some of the features of the proposed CEZ are as:

- Support for industries that use the port for either inbound or outbound (or both) movement of cargo;**
- Support for industries that are critically dependent on sea/coastal location;**
- Support to employment intensive industries as against capital intensive industries to generate employment for coastal communities.**

CEZs will be spread over an area of 2,000 to 3,000 acres. This entails employment of about 89000 persons in a span of 20 years after the proposed Prototype CEZ is finalised. The State wise CEZs as proposed in NPP is at Annexure.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 924 DUE FOR REPLY ON 17-12-2018 BY SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN REGARDING “ESTABLISHMENT OF MEGA EMPLOYMENT ZONES”.

THE STATE-WISE CEZs AS PROPOSED IN NPP ARE AS UNDER:-

Sl. No.	State	Number of CEZs planned
	Andhra Pradesh	2
	Gujarat	3
	Karnataka	1
	Kerala	1
	Maharashtra	2
	Odisha	1
	Tamil Nadu	3
	West Bengal	1
	Total	14