

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1598
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th JULY, 2021

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT ZONE

1598. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified any Agricultural Export Zone, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented the scheme in the past, if so, the details thereof and experiences from the implementation of the same;
- (c) whether the Government has provided for qualifying conditions for any area to be recognised as an Agricultural Export Zone and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to provide special focus on agricultural export zones by identifying potential zones and providing support for infrastructure and logistical needs of the zone and if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a & b): The concept of Agricultural Export Zones (AEZs) was introduced in 2001 to promote export of produce from contiguous areas and adoption of end to end approach for integration of activities across the entire supply chain. 60 AEZs were notified by the Government having a time span of 5 years from the date of notification. Details may be seen at Annexure-I. Based on the recommendations of a peer group review in 2005, it was decided not to consider approval of any new AEZ unless there are strong compelling reasons. No new AEZ has been notified by the Govt. after 2005 and all the notified AEZs have completed their intended time span of 5 years.

(c & d): At present there are no AEZs in existence. However, the Agriculture Export Policy (AEP), brought out by the Government in 2018 aims at promoting agriculture exports at state and district levels. The Government has introduced several schemes such as the One-District One-Product (ODOP) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries; cluster development under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare; and the District as Export Hub Scheme of the Department of Commerce, which aim at providing support for infrastructure and logistical needs for quality production and export of agriculture and processed food products at district levels.

ANNEXURE-I**LIST OF NOTIFIED 60 AGRI EXPORT ZONES IN 20 STATES**

State	S No	AEZ Project	Districts
Assam (1)	01	Fresh & Processed Ginger	Kamrup, Nalbari, Barpeta, Darrang, Nagaon, Morigaon, KarbiAnglong and North Cachar districts.
Andhra Pradesh including Telangana (5)	02	Mango Pulp & Fresh Veg.	Chittoor District.
	03	Mango and Grapes	Districts of Ranga Reddy, Medak & parts Mahabobnagar districts.
	04	Mango	Krishna District.
	05	Gherkins	Districts of Mahboobnagar, Rangareddy, Karimnagar, Warangal, Medak Ananthapur and Nalgonda.
	06	Chilli	Guntur
Bihar (1)	07	Lychee, Vegetables & Honey	Muzaffar-pur, Samastipur, Hajipur, Vaishali, East and West Champaran, Bhagalpur, Begulsarai, Khagaria, Sitamarhi, Saran and Gopalganj.
Gujarat (3)	08	Mango and Vegetables	Districts of Ahmedabad, Khadia, Anand, Vadodra, Surat, Navsari, Valsad, Bharuch and Narmada.
	09	Value Added Onion	Districts of Bhavnagar, Surendranagar, Amreli, Rajkot, Junagadh and Jamnagar.
	10	Sesame Seeds	Districts of Amerali, Bhav-nagar, Surendra-nagar, Rajkot, Jamnagar
Himachal Pradesh (1)	11	Apples	Districts of Shimla, Sirmour, Kullu, Mandi, Chamba and Kinnaur.
Karnataka (4)	12	Gherkins	Districts of Tumkur, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Hassan, Kolar, Chitradurga, Dharwad and Bagalkot.
	13	Rose Onion	Bangalore Urban Bangalore (Rural), Kolar
	14	Flowers	Bangalore(Urban) Bangalore(Rural), Kolar, Tumkur, Kodagu and Belgaum
	15	Vanilla	Districts of Dakshin Kannada, Uttara Kannada, Udupi, Shimoga, Kodagu, Chickamagalur.
Jammu & Kashmir (2)	16	Apple	Districts of Srinagar, Baramula, Anantnag, Kupwara, Badgaum and Pulwama.
	17	Walnuts	Baramulla, Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam, Kupwara and Srinagar., Jammu Region, Doda, Poonch, Udhampur, Rajouri and Kathua.
Jharkhand (1)	18	Vegetables	Districts of Ranchi, Hazaribagh and Lohardaga.

State	S No	AEZ Project	Districts
Kerala (2)	19	Horticulture Products	Districts of Thrissur, Kollam, Ernakulam, Kottayaam, Alapp-uzha, Pathanum-thitta, Thiruvantha-puram, Idukki and Palakkod.
	20	Medicinal Plant	Wayanad, Mallapuram, Palakkad, Thrissur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kollam, Pathana-mittha, Thiruva-nanthapuram
Madhya Pradesh (5)	21	Potatoes Onion Garlic	Malwa, Ujjain, Indore, Dewas, Dhar, Shajajpur, Ratlam, Neemuch and Mandsaur.
	22	Seed Spices	Districts of Guna, Mandsaur, Ujjain, Rajgarh, Ratlam, Shajapur and Neemuch.
	23	Wheat (Duram)	Three distinct and contiguous zones :- Ujjain Zone comprising of Neemach, Ratlam, Mandsaur and Ujjain Indore Zone comprising of Indore, Dhar, Shajapur and Dewas Bhopal Division, comprising of Sehore, Vidisha, Raisen, Hoshangabad, Harda, Narsinghpur and Bhopal.
	24	Lentil and Grams	Shivpuri, Guna, Vidisha, Raisen, Narsinghpura, Chhindwara.
	25	Oranges	Chhindwara, Hoshangabad. Betul.
Maharashtra (8)	26	Grape and Grape Wine	Districts of Nasik, Sanghli, Pune, Satara, Ahmednagar and Sholapur.
	27	Mango (Alphonso)	Districts of Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg, Raigarh and Thane.
	28	Kesar Mango	Districts of Aurangabad, Beed, Jalna, Ahmednagar and Latur.
	29	Flowers	Pune, Nasik, Kolhapur and Sangli.
	30	Onions	Districts of Nasik, Ahmednagar, Pune Satara, Jalgaon and Solapur.
	31	Pomegranate	Districts of Solapur, Sangli, Ahmednagar, Pune Nasik, Latur, Osmanabad.
	32	Banana	Jalgaon, Dhule, Nandurbar, Buldhana, Wardha, Parbhani, Hindoli, Nanded.
	33	Oranges	Nagpur and Amraoti.
Orissa (1)	34	Ginger and Turmeric	Kandhamal District.
Punjab (3)	35	Vegetables	Fatehgarh Sahib, Patiala, Sangrur, Ropar and Ludhiana.
	36	Potatoes	SinghpuraZirakpur (Patiala) RampuraPhul, Muktsar, Ludhiana, Jullunder.

State	S No	AEZ Project	Districts
	37	Basmati Rice	Districts of Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Kapur-thala, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur and Nawanshahar)
Rajasthan (2)	38	Coriander	Kota, Bundi, Baran, Jhalawar& Chittoor
	39	Cumin	Nagaur, Barmer, Jalore, Pali and Jodhpur
Sikkim (2)	40	Flowers (Orchids) & Cherry Pepper	East Sikkim.
	41	Ginger	North, East, South & West Sikkim.
Tripura (1)	42	Organic Pineapple	Kumarghat, Manu, Melaghar, Matabari and Kakraban Blocks.
Tamil Nadu (4)	43	Flower	Dharmapuri.
	44	Flowers	Nilgiri District.
	45	Mangoes	Districts of Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Virudhunagar and Tirunelveli.
	46	Cashewnut	Cuddalore, Thanjavur, Pudukottai and Sivaganga.
Uttar Pradesh (4)	47	Potatoes	Agra, Hathras, Farrukhabad, Kannoj, Meerut, Baghpat and Aligarh.
	48	Mangoes and Vegetables	Lucknow, Unnao, Hardo, Sitapur and barabanki.
	49	Mangoes	Saharanpur, Muzzfarnagar, Bijnaur, Meerut, Bhagpat and Bulandshahar.
	50	Basmati Rice	Districts of Bareilly, Shahajahanpur, Pilibhit, Rampur, Badaun, Bijnor, Moradabad, J B Phulenagar, Saharanpur, Mujjafarnagar, Meerut, Bulandshahar, Ghaziabad.
Uttarakhand (4)	51	Lychee	Udhamsingh Nagar, Dehradun and Nainital .
	52	Flowers	Districts of Dehradun and Pantnagar.
	53	Basmati Rice	Districts of Uddham Singh Nagar, Nainital, Dehradun and Haridwar.
	54	Medicinal & Aromatic Plants	Districts of Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Pithoragarh, Dehradun and Nainital.
West Bengal (6)	55	Lychee	Districts of MurshidabadMalda, 24 Pargana (N) and 24 Pargana(s).
	56	Potatoes	Districts of Hoogly, Burdwan, Midnapore (W) UdayNarayanpur and Howrah.
	57	Mango	Malda and Murshidabad
	58	Vegetables	Nadia, Murshidabad) and North 24 Parganas.
	59	Darjeeling Tea	Darjeeling.
	60	Pineapple	Darjeeling, Uttar Dinajpur, Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri.
