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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2864
ANSWERED ON 18/03/2025

SEZS IN TAMIL NADU

2864.   DR. T SUMATHY *ALIAS* THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

(a)   whether it is true that Tamil Nadu has the highest concentration of operational Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b)   whether the Government has initiated the development of any Special Economic Zone in South Chennai Parliamentary Constituency;

(c)   if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor along with the share of Tamil Nadu in total exports;

(d)   whether the Government has any plans to establish manufacturing and export Special Economic Zones in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(e)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a)   In the State of Tamil Nadu, a total of 58 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are notified, of which 49 SEZs are operational. The total number of operational SEZs in the country is 276.

(b) to (e)   The SEZs set up in the country under the SEZ Act, 2005 and SEZ Rules, 2006, including in South Chennai Parliamentary Constituency, are primarily private investment driven initiatives which may be established either jointly or severally by the Central Government, State Governments or any person. The proposals for setting up of SEZs are approved by the Board of Approval (BoA) on the recommendation of the concerned State Government.

The share of Tamil Nadu in total exports from SEZs during the last three years is as under :-

Sl. No.	Year	Total Exports from SEZs (INR-Crore)	Total Exports from SEZs located in Tamil Nadu (INR-Crore)	% share of Tamil Nadu exports in the total exports of the country from SEZs
1.	2021-22	9,90,747	1,36,329	14%
2.	2022-23	12,63,578	1,72,580	14%
3.	2023-24	13,55,220	1,77,930	13%

*Data Source: NSDL

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