

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5136
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2002
CONVERSION OF EOZS INTO SEZS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to convert all export oriented Zones into Special economic zones shortly;
- (b) if so, the objectives and reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which the exporters would be benefited after bringing them into one category;
- (d) whether any expert Committee has recommended such a course of action; and
- (e) if so, the details of the expert Committee and the benefits expected from this policy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) : There is no proposal at present to convert all the Export Processing Zones(EPZs) into Special Economic Zones (SEZs)
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.
- (d) & (e): The High Level Committee for the Exim Policy, 2002-07 setup under the Chairmanship of Shri P.P.Prabhu , Ex- Commerce Secretary, had recommended conversion of the remaining EPZs into SEZs, for reducing multiplicity of Schemes.