

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1002

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TOWNS OF EXPORT EXCELLENCE

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

- (a) whether the Government has accorded the Status of Towns of Export Excellence over some cities of the country as reported in Dainik Jagran dated June 07, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the export facilities being provided to such cities;
- (c) the norms for selecting of such cities;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to accord the status of Towns of Export Excellence over some more cities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) &(b) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the Annexure enclosed. Besides ASIDE Schemes granted to State Governments for developing export infrastructure, the facilities granted to Towns of Export Excellence are common service providers in these areas are entitled for the facility of the EPCG scheme and the recognized associations of units are able to access the funds under the Market Access Initiative Scheme for creating focused technological services.

(c) A number of towns in specific geographical locations have emerged as dynamic industrial clusters contributing handsomely to India's exports. It is necessary to grant recognition to these industrial clusters with a view to maximizing their potential and enabling them to move higher in the value chain and tap new markets. Selected towns producing goods of Rs. 1000 Crore or more will be notified as Towns of Exports Excellence on the basis of potential for growth in exports. However for the Towns of Export Excellence in the Handloom, Handicraft, Agriculture and Fisheries sector, the threshold limit would be Rs 250 Crores.

(d) & (e) It is a continuous process & requests as and when received from State Governments and/or Trade Associations are examined in line with provisions detailed at (c) above.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in parts (a) & (b) of Unstarred Question No.1002 to be answered on 01.08.2006 regarding "Towns of Export Excellence"

LIST OF TOWNS OF EXPORT EXCELLENCE

S.No Town of Export State Product Category
Excellence

- 1 Tirupur Tamil Nadu Hosiery
- 2 Ludhiana Punjab Woollen Knitwear
- 3 Panipat Haryana Woollen Blanket
- 4 Kanoor Kerala Handlooms
- 5 Karur Tamil Nadu Handlooms
- 6 Madurai Tamil Nadu Handlooms
- 7 AEKK (Aroor, Kerala Seafood
Ezhupunna,
Kodanthuruthu
& Kuthiathodu)
- 8 Jodhpur Rajasthan Handicraft
- 9 Kekhra Uttar Pradesh Handlooms

10 Dewas Madhya Pradesh Pharmaceuticals
11 Alleppey Kerala Coir Products