GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3748 ANSWERED ON:16.05.2006 PERFORMANCE OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES Agarwal Shri Dhirendra;Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao;Mahato Shri Sunil Kumar;Rao Shri Kavuru Samba Siva

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

(a) the performance of Special Economic Zones during the last three years, zone-wise;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study to improve the performance of these zones;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(d) the action taken by the Government on the basis of outcome of the survey;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to exempt SEZs from the labour laws; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) A statement showing the zone-wise details of exports from Special Economic Zones (SEZs) during the last three years, is as below:

(Rs. in crores)

Zone EXPORTS 2003-2004 2004-05 2005-06 (April- Dec, 2005)(P)

Kandla SEZ 1018.82 1060.14 735.14 SEEPZ SEZ 7832.81 8298.59 5896.07 Noida SEZ 1534.17 4266.00 4109.00 Madras SEZ 1037.96 1376.91 1286.00 Cochin SEZ 298.91 462.99 519.37 Falta SEZ 825.34 569.15 355.32 Visakhapatnam SEZ 435.67 579.27 427.01 Surat SEZ 869.90 1539.72 1121.68 Manikanchan SEZ Nil 95.94 304.18 Jaipur SEZ Nil 52.7 10.83 Indore SEZ Nil 55.02 107.22 Jodhpur SEZ Nil Nil 1.21

Total 13853.58 18309.00 14873

(b) No, Sir.

(c)&(d) Do not arise.

(e)&(f) Labour Laws are applicable to SEZs and are enforced by the respective State Governments. The SEZ Act and Rules do not provide for any relaxation in labour laws.