

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:416
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2008
AGRI EXPORT ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up four new agri export zones in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the existing agri export zones;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House,

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS fa) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED OUESTION NO.416 FOR ANSWER ON 22ND APRIL. 2008 REGARDING `AGRI EXPORT ZONES`

- (a) No.Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes,Sir.
- (d) A peer evaluation of the existing AEZs was carried out with a view to ascertain the reasons for shortfall in their performance and to suggest a remedial action plan. The review revealed that the AEZs were not able to make headway, mainly, owing to lack of:
 - (i) Project orientation in their conceptual design;
 - (ii) Awareness amongst the field functionaries about the concept of AEZs ;
 - (iii) Effective agency to coordinate with other implementing agencies and monitor the performance of the AEZs; and
 - (iv) Effective public participation.
- (e) Does not arise.