

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

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PROPOSALS FOR AEZs

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Agricultural Export Zones (AEZs) throughout the country, particularly in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the status of implementation of each of the AEZs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a to c) In the year 2004, the Government had set-up a Peer Review Committee to evaluate the performance of the existing Agri Export Zones (AEZs) & on the basis of its report, it has been decided not to consider setting up of new AEZs unless there are strong compelling reasons.

(d) No new AEZs including West Bengal have been set-up in the country after 2004. The status of the existing 60 AEZs in 20 states as on March, 2010 is annexed at Annexure-I.