

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

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PROMOTION OF EXPORT OF DIAMOND AND JEWELLERY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from State Government of Gujarat for Special Economic Zone (SEZ) to promote export of diamond and gold jewellery and to set up a premier institute for designing gold and diamond jewellery; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Three proposals have been received from the State of Gujarat for setting up of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for the gem and jewellery sector. While one SEZ, namely, M/s. Gujarat Hira Bourse, Ichhapor, Surat has been notified on 20th July, 2007, the rest can be considered by the Board of Approval, only on receipt of requisite documents/recommendations of the State Government.

No proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat to set up a premier institute for designing gold and diamond jewellery. However, there is a proposal from the Indian Diamond Institute, Surat to set up a second campus in Surat with financial assistance from the Department of Commerce.