

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

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ASSISTANCE TO KENYA FOR SETTING UP OF SEZS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kenya has sought India`s assistance for setting up Special Economic Zones (SEZs);and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response from the Ministry thereto?

Answer

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

(a): During the 6th India Kenya Joint Trade Committee (JTC) meeting held at Nairobi on 12th -13th October, 2010, the Kenyan Govt. sought Indian assistance in the form of support for transformation of Kenyas EPZs Program to SEZ programme.

(b): The Kenyan Govt. has sought Indian assistance through exposure programmes for Kenyan officials to successful SEZs in India, secondment of Senior officials of India's SEZ Development Commissioner to Kenya to assist in the establishment of the SEZ programme, support for investment Promotion Activites, availing of lines of credit and buyers credit from Indian Govt financial institutions to companies trading with SEZ/EPZ programmes, and support for enterprise programs targeted at Kenyan SMEs.

The Ministry of Commerce & industry, Govt. of India has requested the Kenyan Govt. to give details of their existing laws governing SEZs/EPZs as well as the incentives in these areas and to submit proposals on the specific areas requiring technical assistance.