

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:105

ANSWERED ON:08.08.2011

IMPACT OF SEZS

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

(a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in generating employment for the displaced local population;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether only big traders, industrialists and Multi-National Companies are reportedly being benefited from the setting up of the SEZs and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the overall impact of the SEZs in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a) to d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 105 FOR ANSWER ON 8TH AUGUST 2011 REGARDING "IMPACT OF SEZs"

(a)&(b): The approval for setting up of an SEZ is given only on the recommendation of the State Government. The issues relating to the displaced local population, if any, are addressed by the respective State Governments. It is noteworthy that by 30.06.2011, the SEZs have generated total direct employment for 7,14,412 persons approximately. Studies commissioned have indicated that the local population constitutes a high percentage of the SEZ workforce.

(c): No, Madam. A large number of SEZ units are in micro, small and medium enterprise sector.

(d): An investment of Rs. 2,12,914 crore approximately has been made in SEZs upto 30.06.2011 and physical Exports of Rs. 3,15,868 crore approximately have been made from SEZs during the year 2010-11.

Studies commissioned by the Department of Commerce have indicated that in many States SEZs have had a positive local area impact in terms of direct and indirect employment, emergence of new economic activities, changes in consumption pattern and social life, human development facilities (such as for education, healthcare) etc.