

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRADE WITH CHINA

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

- (a) whether there have been instances of Chinese firms entering into Memorandum of Understandings with some Indian firms in the North Eastern States without any security clearances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action initiated by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is making efforts to attract foreign direct investments from China for developing the industrial parks and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Chinese delegation during their recent visit have identified the possible sites for the development of industrial parks in India and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the Chinese are likely to set up the said SEZs and industrial parks and commence making investments in these sectors in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a) & (b): No such specific instance has come to the notice of this Department.

(c) : Yes, Madam. The Government is constantly endeavouring to attract investment into the country including investments for development of industrial parks as per the extant policy, rules and regulations. In so far as attracting investment from China in this regard is concerned, the two sides expressed willingness to carry out cooperation on establishing industrial zones so as to provide platforms for cluster- type development of enterprises of the two countries as reflected in the joint statement dated 20th May, 2013 issued during the visit of Chinese Premier to India. No proposal has been received regarding establishment of a SEZ by Chinese entities.

(d): The Chinese delegation during their visit to India in October, 2013 visited some industrial park sites but did not identify any possible sites for development.

(e): There is no information on the time by which the Chinese are likely to make investments in industrial parks.