

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

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SETTING UP OF CLUSTERS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up clusters including mangoes and jasmine clusters all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the location thereof, State/UT and product-wise;
- (c) the details of infrastructure facilities such as storage, airlifting etc. set up/being set up in those clusters; and
- (d) the time by which these clusters are likely to become functional?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) No, Madam. There is no proposal for setting up of cluster specifically for mangoes and jasmine. In order to promote the exports of diversified agri products as well as processed/ value added food products from the country, Government of India had notified 60 Agri Export Zones (AEZs) during the year 2002-2004 and Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) was made the Nodal Agency to implement these AEZs. A peer evaluation of the existing AEZs was carried out in 2005 to assess the performance of AEZs. On the basis of the recommendations of the Peer Group in 2005, it was decided not to consider notification of new AEZs unless there were strong compelling reasons.

Accordingly, no proposal for setting up of new AEZ has been agreed to.

(b to d) Does not arise.