

Title: Need to consider the proposals for setting up of a Special Economic Zone at Padubidri, Karanataka- Laid.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI) : The Government has announced in its new import/export policy setting up of Special Economic Zones. I welcome the announcement in view of the proposal under consideration for setting up of a SEZ at Padubidri in Udupi District of Karnataka.

The new proposed Special Economic Zone will serve a vast hinterland producing agricultural and plantation commodities. There is also scope for setting up an IT oriented complex within the Special Economic Zone.

The Coastal Regulation Zone guidelines are already operative here. In the new policy for Special Economic Zones the Centre has assured relaxation of Coastal Regulation Zones guidelines wherever found necessary by not impeding with the functioning of the Special Economic Zone at Padubidri.

I urge the Ministry of Commerce to consider the proposal for a Special Economic Zone at Padubidri by making necessary allocations in the current year's budget.