

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has held any discussion with foreign companies for investment in India's Special Economic Zones (SEZs);
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the details of investment made by the foreign investors during the current financial year, country-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a) to (b): Promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources is one of the objectives of the Special Economic Zone Scheme. The salient features of the scheme are therefore presented at various fora and to investors, for attracting investment.
- (c): Foreign direct investment in establishment of units in the Special Economic Zones during 2005-06 (April to September, 2005) was of the order of about Rs. 95 crores. The major sources of foreign investment include UK, Germany, Netherlands, UAE, and USA.