

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

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE FOR IT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the Government intends to set up a Special Economic Zone for Information Technology Sector at Managalore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the decision to set up Special Economic Zone is likely to be taken? .

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no proposal for the Central Government to set up any new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and the policy of the Government is to encourage and facilitate establishment of SEZs in the private sector or joint sector in association with the State Governments or by the State Governments themselves. Accordingly, on the basis of proposal received, approval has been given on 31.8.2005 for setting up a Special Economic Zone for information technology sector at Mangalore by Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board.