

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

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

- (a) The steps taken by the Government to set up and develop export oriented centres in the country especially in Jharkhand for export of agricultural produce; and
- (b) The places in Jharkhand where export oriented centres have been developed alongwith details of their capacity, expenditure incurred thereon and profits earned therefrom during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- (a) 60 Agri Export Zones(AEZs) have been set up in the country with a view to provide infrastructure to promote export of various agricultural commodities. An AEZ for vegetables is being set up in Jharkhand.
- (b) The AEZ for vegetables in Jharkhand covers the districts of Ranchi, Hazaribagh and Lohardaga. The AEZ was notified by DGFT on 15.1.2006 and an investment of Rs.7.09 crores is envisaged to take place in 5 years in the AEZ. The AEZs do not work as units making profit or loss.