

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1847  
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AGRI EXPORT ZONES  
Lagadapati Shri Rajagopal

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

- (a) whether proposals from various States are pending before the Government for opening up of Agri-Export Zones;
- (b) if so, the number of proposals from the State of Andhra Pradesh pending;
- (c) whether the Government has decided not to give approval for opening up of new AEZs in the country;
- (d) if so, whether State Governments have requested the Union Government to reconsider its proposal for not granting new AEZs in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Govt. had received 34 proposals for setting up of AEZs including 3 from Andhra Pradesh. On the basis of findings of a peer evaluation of the existing AEZs, it has been decided to strengthen the existing AEZs and to put embargo on creation of new AEZs unless there are strong and compelling reasons for the same. The State Governments have been asked to reconsider the proposals in the light of the decision.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.