

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL INVESTMENT REGIONS IN SEZS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up special investment regions to house SEZs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any task force has been constituted by the Government to identify such investment regions in different States in the Country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and time by which a final decision is likely to be taken; and
- (e) the parameters adopted for selection of these investment regions?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) Government has received a suggestion to set up Special Economic Regions in the Country. During the Mid-Term Appraisal of the 10th Plan, the Planning Commission has, inter-alia, recommended setting up of Special Economic Regions / Special Investment Regions for attracting greater domestic and foreign investment in specific industry groups.
- (c) to (e) Government has constituted a Task Force for suggesting a policy framework for the development of Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Regions.