

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DUTY FREE SHOPS

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the objectives to be achieved through setting up of duty free shops by Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC);
- (b) the places where duty free shops have already been set up by ITDC, State-wise;
- (c) whether the ITDC has any plan to set up duty free shops at SEZs, seaports and airports;
- (d) if so, the locations identified therefor;
- (e) the time by which these shops are likely to be set up; and
- (f) the details of the products to be sold at these duty free shops?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a): The objectives of the duty free shops of ITDC are sale of handlooms, handicraft products and imported general merchandise.
- (b): The ITDC is presently running duty free shops at airports in the following places:-
  - 1. Mumbai (Maharashtra)
  - 2. Bangalore (Karnataka)
  - 3. Calicut (Kerala)
  - 4. Goa

(c) to (f): The setting up of duty free shops at SEZs and seaports is at the initial stage of discussion with the authorities concerned for taking over the requisite space.