

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSALS FOR SETTING UP OF SEZs

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

- (a) the number of proposals received by the Ministry for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of cases where approval has been accorded to set up SEZs in both core and non-core areas; and
- (c) the details regarding the amount of investment and employment likely to be generated from these SEZ project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c): Only those proposals which are duly recommended by the State Governments are considered by the Board of Approval. In addition to seven Central Government SEZs and 12 State/Private Sector SEZs set up prior to the enactment of SEZ Act, 2005, formal approval has been accorded to 578 proposals out of which 322 SEZs have been notified. A list showing sector wise distribution of SEZs is enclosed. As on 31st March, 2009, an investment of Rs. 1,08,903 crore has been made in SEZs and direct employment for 3,87,439 persons has been generated in the SEZs.