

Revival of SEZs

1101. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revive Special Economic Zones (SEZs), develop industrial corridors, fast track development in manufacturing and other sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details of important major industrial corridors proposed to be built up to link eastern States, especially Odisha, with other regions in the country; and

(c) the time-frame within which these would be started and completed to reap their benefits by the individual units ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) to (c) Ongoing review and reform, as necessary, of Government policy and procedure is inherent to Public Policy. The Government, on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and operational framework of the SEZ Scheme, periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZs.

The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion is developing five Industrial corridors in the country such as Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial corridor (CBIC), Bengaluru-Mumbai Economic Corridor (BMEC), Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC) and Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC). DMIC is already under implementation whereas other corridors are at their early stages of implementation. There is no proposal to cover the State of Odisha under these Industrial/economic corridors.

Export of mangoes to USA

1102. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and country-wise details regarding total volume and value of export of mangoes to USA and other countries during the last three years;

(b) whether USA has imposed a ban on import of mangoes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to increase export of mangoes to earn more foreign exchange?