

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (e) There are adequate safeguards in the SEZ Rules, 2006 to prevent SEZs from indulging in real estate business. In terms of Rule 11(9) of the SEZ Rules, 2006, sale of land in an SEZ is not allowed. Further, duty and other benefits permissible under the SEZ Act 2005 and Rules framed thereunder are allowed only on authorised activities. These authorised activities can relate to the authorised activities of Unit, Developer and Co-developer and can include setting up of units and infrastructure, including social infrastructure. No complaint has been received that SEZ land has been sold by the developer.

Land is a State subject. The Board of Approval approves a proposal for establishment of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the SEZ Act and Rules. The approval is granted only after the concerned State Government recommends the setting up of the SEZ. Issues related to availability/provisioning of land for SEZs are in the domain of the State Government agencies concerned. Insofar as relief and rehabilitation package for any affected person is concerned, this is implemented by State Government agencies.

Increase in non-plan expenditure of tariff commission

4357. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Non-plan expenditure in respect of Tariff Commission has been increasing tremendously for the last three years;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to reduce the Non-plan expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The details of Non-plan expenditure of Tariff Commission during the last three years are given below :

	Rs. in crore		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Plan expenditure	0	0	0
Non-Plan expenditure	6.36	6.27	6.55
Percentage increase	—	-1.4	4.5

There is a marginal increase in expenditure in 2011-12. Major portion of the Non-plan expenditure goes towards payment of pay and allowances. The increase is due to revision in pay scales as per Sixth Pay Commission's recommendations and increase in studies conducted by the Commission.

(c) Instructions on Economy Measures and Rationalization of Expenditure issued by the Department of Expenditure from time to time are scrupulously followed by the Commission.

Setting up Spices Parks by Spices Board

4358. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Spices Board has recently decided to set up Spices Parks in various parts of the country to promote the cultivation of spices on a large scale;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many Spices Parks will be set up in Karnataka, which has a vast potential for spices cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has approved establishment of Spice Parks to provide common infrastructure facilities in the major spices growing centres for cleaning, processing, colour sorting, grading and packing facilities etc. for value addition and quality improvement of spices. At present two Spices Parks viz., Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh and Puttadi in Idukki district of Kerala have started functioning. A Spice Park at Jodhpur in Rajasthan was recently inaugurated on 7.4.2012.

(c) Before approving a proposal for setting up the Spice Park, a due diligence study is conducted to assess its feasibility and requirement based on spices grown in that area. Moreover, Government land free of cost should also be available. The number of Spices Parks to be established during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, including in Karnataka, will be decided in accordance with the outlay that is finalised.

Increasing industrial package for industries in Assam

4359. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Assam to increase industrial package for industries;