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Special Economic Zones

14 SEZs operational in Uttar Pradesh

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Special Economic Zones - An overview:

India was one of the first in Asia to recognize the effectiveness of the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) model in promoting exports, with Asia's first EPZ being set up in Kandla in 1965. With a view to overcome the shortcomings experienced on account of the multiplicity of controls and clearances, absence of world-class infrastructure and to attract larger foreign investments in India, the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Policy was announced in April, 2000.¹

This policy intends to make SEZs an engine for economic growth supported by quality infrastructure complemented by an attractive fiscal package, both at the Centre and the State level, with the minimum possible regulations. SEZs in India functioned from November 01, 2000 to February 09, 2006 under the provisions of the [Foreign Trade Policy](#) and fiscal incentives were made effective through the provisions of relevant statutes.²

To instill confidence in investors and signal the Government's commitment to a stable SEZ policy regime and with a view to impart stability to the SEZ regime thereby generating greater economic activity and employment through the establishment of SEZs, a comprehensive draft SEZ Bill was prepared after extensive discussions with the stakeholders.³

The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, was passed by Parliament in May, 2005 which received Presidential assent on June 23, 2005. The SEZ Rules, came into effect on February 10, 2006, providing for drastic simplification of procedures and for single window clearance on matters relating to Central as well as State governments.

The main objectives of the SEZ Act are:⁴

- Generation of additional economic activity.
- Promotion of exports of goods and services.
- Promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources.
- Creation of employment opportunities.
- Development of infrastructure facilities.

¹ <http://sezindia.nic.in/>

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

The SEZ Act, 2005 envisages key role for the State Governments in Export Promotion and creation of related infrastructure. A Single Window SEZ approval mechanism has been provided through a 19-member inter-ministerial SEZ Board of Approval (BoA). The applications duly recommended by the respective State Governments/UT Administration are considered by the BoA periodically. All decisions of the Board of Approval are with consensus.

The SEZ Rules provide for different minimum land requirement for different classes of SEZs. Every SEZ is divided into a processing area where only the SEZ units would come up and the non-processing area where the supporting infrastructure is to be created.

The SEZ Rules provide for:⁵

- Simplified procedures for development, operation and maintenance of the SEZs and for setting up units and conducting business in SEZs
- Single window clearance for setting up of an SEZ
- Single window clearance for setting up a unit in a SEZ
- Single Window clearance on matters relating to Central as well as State Governments
- Simplified compliance procedures and documentation with an emphasis on self-certification

Salient Feature of SEZ scheme:⁶

- A designated duty-free enclave to be treated as a territory outside the customs territory of India for the purpose of authorised operations in the SEZ.
- No licence required for import.
- Manufacturing or service activities allowed.
- The Unit shall achieve Positive Net Foreign Exchange to be calculated cumulatively for a period of five years from the commencement of production.
- Domestic sales subject to full customs duty and import policy in force.
- SEZ units will have freedom for subcontracting.
- No routine examination by customs authorities of export/import cargo.
- SEZ Developers /Co-Developers and Units enjoy Direct Tax and Indirect Tax benefits as prescribed in the SEZs Act, 2005.

Facts and Figures:⁷

- As on November 30, 2021, approvals have been accorded to 425 proposals for setting up of SEZs in the country.
- So far, 376 SEZs are notified, out of which 268 are operational.
- [As on December 08, 2021](#), eight Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been approved for the Agro and Food Processing sector in India. Out of these 8 SEZs, 7 have been notified and 3 SEZs are operational.
- As on September 30, 2021, total employment generation was about 25.60 lakh persons and investment of Rs. 6,28,565.89 crore has been made.

⁵ ibid

⁶ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1594927>

⁷ <http://sezindia.nic.in/upload/61aa07c253e56New%20FACT%20SHEET%20ON%20SEZs%20as%20on%2030.11.2021.pdf>

- In the Financial Year 2021-22 (as on October 31, 2021), exports from SEZs was 5,29,333 crore. There is a growth of 31% over the exports of the corresponding period of FY 2020-21.

Special Economic Zones in Uttar Pradesh - At a glance

As of [September 27, 2021](#), there are 14 operational SEZs in Uttar Pradesh. Details are mentioned in the table below:

States/Union Territories-wise distribution of approved SEZs					
States/UTs	Central Government SEZs set up prior to the enactment of SEZs Act, 2005	State Government/ Private Sector SEZs set up prior to the enactment of SEZs Act, 2005	Formal Approvals granted under the SEZs Act, 2005	Notified SEZs under the SEZ Act, 2005	Total Operational SEZs (Including prior to SEZs Act + under the SEZs Act, 2005)
Uttar Pradesh	1	1	24	21	14

[Source](#)

Noida Special Economic Zone (SEZ):⁸

Noida Special Economic Zone (NSEZ), the only Central Government SEZ in northern India was set up in 1985 in Noida Phase-II. Prior to its being an SEZ in 2000, it was one of the seven Export Processing Zones of the country and was known as the Noida Export Processing Zone (NEPZ).

The Government of India has so far invested a sum of Rs.1,114.96 crores on its development. NSEZ provides excellent infrastructure, supportive services and sector specific facilities for the thrust areas of exports like gem and jewellery and electronics software. This is the land locked SEZ, with the nearest point of exports being the Integrated Container Depots (ICDs) like Dadri, Tughlakabad and Patparganj as well as the airport in Delhi. Its proximity to Delhi and availability of skilled and dedicated manpower makes it ideal for setting up both manufacturing and services units.

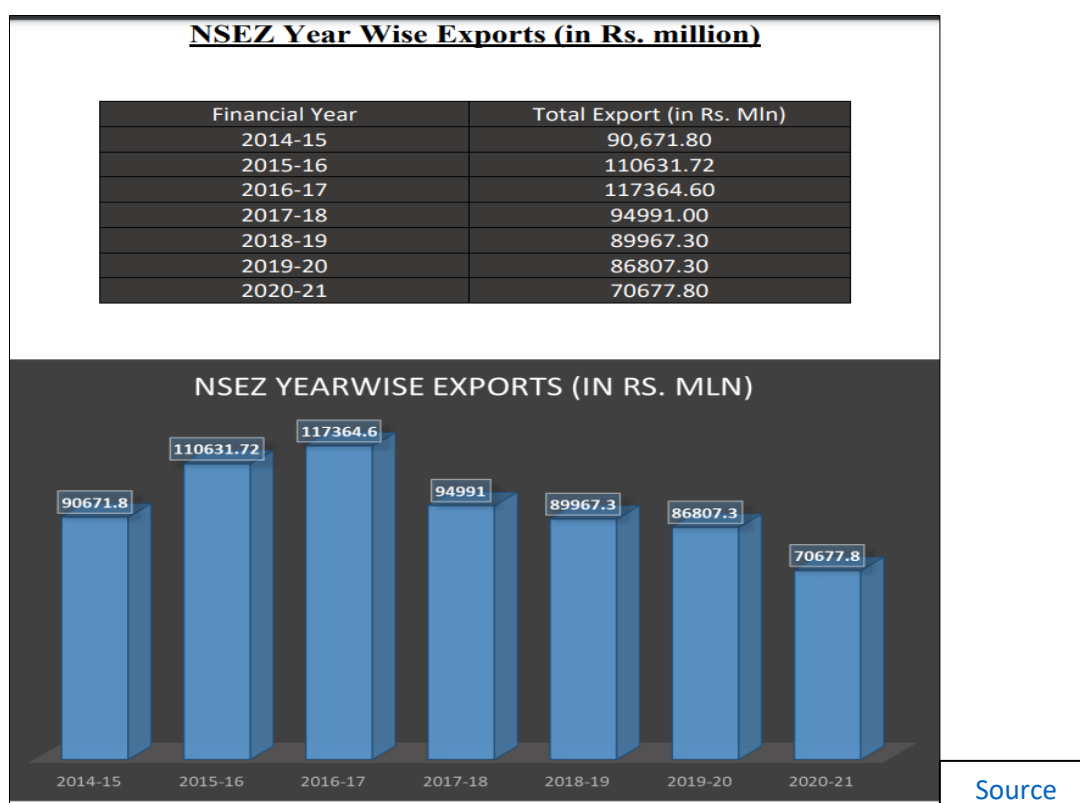


⁸ <https://www.nsez.gov.in/AboutUs.aspx>

NSEZ has 202 developed plots of varying sizes, besides thirteen Standard Design Factory (SDF) complexes that can accommodate 208 units including one exclusive block for trading service units. The SDFs are like ready to move in warm shells. Future expansion has been strategically planned and when implemented fully, the zone would be able to provide 224 SDF units.

NSEZ units have been logging impressive exports during the past many years. Exports from the zone during 2020-21, even during a tough pandemic period, has been Rs.4,043 crores. Employment in the zone has gone up from 32,550 in 2009 to 40,061 in 2021. During the same period, number of operational units in the zone has increased from 245 to 289. On services side, for all the 34 SEZs under the jurisdiction of NSEZ, the total exports for software and services are Rs 52,613 crores in 2020-21, with the share of Noida SEZ being Rs 3,009 crores.⁹

Exports from Export Oriented Units (EOUs) in the jurisdiction of NSEZ have been to the tune of Rs. 10,006.6 crores during the financial year 2020-21 (as per the figures obtained from CBIC). NSEZ's year wise exports are illustrated in the chart below:



Besides, the jurisdiction of Noida Special Economic Zone is spread over State & Private sector SEZs and EOUs in nine states namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, [Uttar Pradesh](#), Uttaranchal and Union Territory of Chandigarh. There are 34 SEZs under the jurisdiction of NSEZ.

⁹ <https://www.nsez.gov.in/AboutUs.aspx>

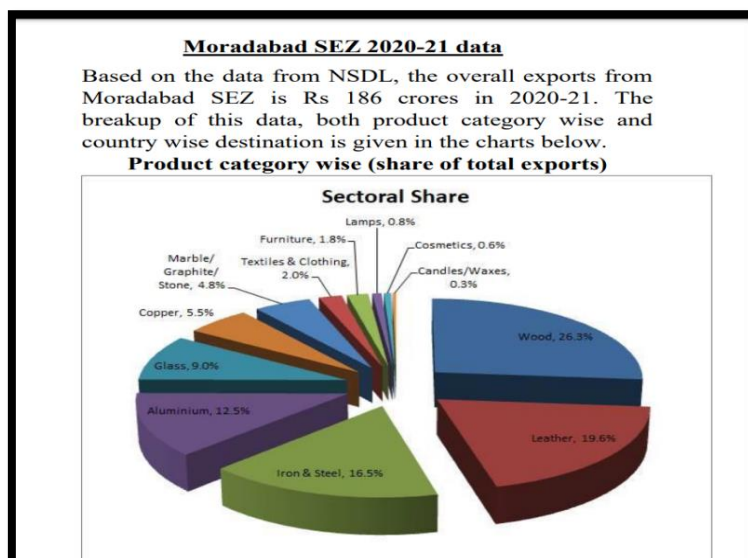
Moradabad Special Economic Zone (SEZ):¹⁰

Moradabad SEZ, the only Uttar Pradesh Government Developed SEZ in the northern India, was set up in 2003 at Pakbara – Dingarpur Road in Moradabad. Government of Uttar Pradesh through UPSIDC Limited being developers to this SEZ project has so far invested a sum of Rs. 1100 million on its development. Moradabad SEZ provides excellent infrastructure, supportive services and sector specific facilities for the Handicraft Trade. Proximity to Delhi/ NCR and availability of skilled and dedicated manpower makes it ideal for setting up various industries in Handicrafts & its allied field.



This is a sector Special Economic Zone for handicraft products. Provision for infrastructure facilities such as: – greenbelt, boundary wall, internal development, security system, power substation, CETP, inland container depot, design and training center, helipad, school, canteen has been made.

Moradabad SEZ was operationalized since April, 2007 when it started with only one unit, however till today in spite of global slowdown in the handicraft trade for past four years; this zone has now 58 operational Units as on 30.06.2021.



[Source](#)

Infrastructure, supportive services and trade related facilities have been substantially upgraded during the last few years. Moradabad SEZ offers access to global telecommunication network, uninterrupted power supply and efficient local transport system. Supportive infrastructure and easy availability of manpower make Moradabad SEZ an ideal location for setting up handicraft unit.

¹⁰ <http://moradabadsez.gov.in/about.html>

Facility of Inland Container Depot (ICD) is available inside the zone which is operated by the [Container Corporation of India Limited](#) (CONCOR), Moradabad and which is linked to the rail-head available at Moradabad Inland Container Depot (ICD) in city.¹¹

MORADABAD SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE			
Export / Import data (up to 30.04.2021)			
S. No.	Financial Year	Export Value (in Rs Lakhs)	Import Value (in Rs Lakhs)
1.	2015-2016	46429.00	5544.00
2.	2016-2017	114636.00	3484.00
3.	2017-2018	90912.00	1100.00
4.	2018-2019	27355.00	5669.00
5.	2019-2020	39204.00	6072.00
6.	2020-2021	18687.00	3102.00
7.	2021-2022 (up to 30.04.2021)	1930.00	27.00

Employment data (as on 30.04.2021)			
S. No.	Financial Year	Direct Employment	Indirect Employment
1.	2020-2021	700	200
2.	2021-2022 (as on 30.04.2021)	800	200

[Source](#)

Other operational Special Economic Zones in Uttar Pradesh:

S.No.	Name of the SEZ	Address	Type of SEZ	Status
1.	Moser Bear India Ltd.	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	Non-conventional Energy including solar energy equipments / cell	Operational
2.	Ansal IT City and Parks Limited	Techzone, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational
3.	HCL Technologies Ltd	Sector 126, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational
4.	NIIT Technologies Limited SEZ	Plot No.TZ-02, Sector-Tech Zone, ITES Park, Greater Noida, UP	IT/ITES	Operational
5.	WIPRO Limited	Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational
6.	Seaview Developers Limited	Plot No. 20&21, Sector-135, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT	Operational
7.	Oxygen Business Parks Pvt. Ltd. [Formerly Aachvis Softech Private Limited (Formerly Falcon Commercial Developers Limited)]	Plot No. 7, Sector-144, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational

¹¹ <http://moradabadsez.gov.in/about.html>

8.	Arshiya Northern FTWZ Limited	Ibrahimpur, Junaidpur Urf Maujpur, District Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh	Multi Sector SEZ (including FTWZ)	Operational
9.	Artha Infratech Private Limited	Sector Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational
10.	HCL IT City Lucknow Private Limited	Village Kanjehara & Mastemau, Chack Gajaria Farms, Sultanpur Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational
11.	Golden Tower Infratech Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. 8, Sector-144, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational
12.	TATA Consultancy Services Limited	Plot No: 01, Sector-157, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES	Operational

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