

Chapter 5 - Employment Generation by SEZs

APIIC, being an undertaking of Government of Andhra Pradesh, has been tasked with development of industrial infrastructure through development of industrial parks and Special Economic Zones (SEZs). In accordance with Special Economic Zones Act 2005, development of 53 SEZs in the State through APIIC (17 SEZs by APIIC itself and 36 SEZs with its assistance) was contemplated.

5.1 Extent of employment generated

Apart from the cases of allotment of land, mainly in Ranga Reddy district, for setting up IT related SEZs, discussed in Paragraphs 4.8 and 4.9 of this Report (Sl. No. 8-11), test check of transactions relating to 12 other SEZs in the sampled districts revealed that seven of these SEZs (Sl. No. 1-7) had not generated the expected employment as can be seen from the details given below:

Table-7

| Sl. No. | Name of Company | Extent of land (in acres) | Year of allotment | Type of industry | Employment contemplated | Employment generated |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | L&T Hitec City, Gannavaram, Krishna District | 30.17 | 2006 | IT SEZ | 10000 | 210 |
| 2 | Footwear SEZ, Mambattu, SPS Nellore District | 313.57 | 2006 | Footwear | 15000 | 5000 |
| 3 | Brandix India Apparel City, Visakhapatnam | 1000.00 | 2006 | Textile Park | 60000 | 13298 |
| 4 | Bharatiya International, Nellore, SPS Nellore District | 250.59 | 2007 | Leather | 10000 | 0 |
| 5 | Sri city, Tada, SPS Nellore Districts | 3798.86 | 2007 | Multi- product SEZ | 175000 | 5000 |
| 6 | Special Projects Zone, Visakhapatnam District | 2210.28 | 2007 | Multi-product SEZ | 6507 | 2074 |
| 7 | MAS Fabric Park India Pvt. Ltd. | 714 | 2007 | Establish textile and apparel park | 31000 | ---- |
| 8 | Lepakshi Knowledge Hub Pvt. Ltd. (LKH) Gorantla & Chilamattur, Anantapur District (refer para 4.8) | 8844.01 | 2009 | Integrated Global Knowledge Hub | 150000 | ---- |
| 9 | Brahmani Infratech Pvt. Ltd. Raviryal and Mamidipalli Villages, RR District (refer para 4.9) | 250 | 2006 | Setting up an IT/ITeS SEZ | 45000 | ---- |
| 10 | Indu Tech Zone Pvt. Ltd. Mamidipalli Village, RR District | 250 | 2006 | Setting up an IT/ITeS SEZ | 45000 | ---- |
| 11 | Stargaze Properties Pvt. Ltd. Raviryal Village, RR District | 250 | 2006 | Setting up an IT/ITeS SEZ | 45000 | ---- |
| Total | | 17911.48 | | | 592507 | 25582 |

Against the contemplated employment of 5.93 lakh jobs, the 4 SEZs, which had been allotted 9594.01 acres of land at concessional rates had generated zero employment opportunities while the remaining seven SEZs to which 8317.47 acres of land were similarly allotted had generated only about 0.26 lakh (***4 per cent***) jobs during the last 4-5 years.