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Message from the Executive Chairman

Establishment of economic zones in Bangladesh is a groundbreaking initiative of the present government. Honorable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina has taken this commendable initiative to materialize the dream of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to create "Sonar Bangla".

BEZA has been established to facilitate development and operation of Economic Zones throughout the country. The main objective of BEZA is to act as a change agent for faster economic growth by creating investment friendly environment and attracting FDI. BEZA encourages private sector to establish Private Economic Zones. BEZA is devoted to offer One-Stop Services and competitive incentive package to the investors.

On behalf of the government of Bangladesh and as the Chief Executive of the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), I invite national and foreign investors to invest in economic zones and share benefits of mutual growth and prosperity. New Economic Zones is expected to be a major driver of economic growth and job creation and could be a major factor in lifting Bangladesh into a middle-income country status by 2021.

BEZA is committed to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), promote export and create employment through establishment of Economic Zones and making the zones as engine of economic growth of Bangladesh.

Paban Chowdhury

Executive Chairman

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority

BEZA's Vision

BEZA aspires to become a sustainable development driving force and a world class investment promoter and service provider



Mission

BEZA's mission is to persistently create value for the investors by establishing attractive investment facilities in the economic zones through One-Stop Service and competitive incentive packages.



Objectives

BEZA wants to establish 100 Economic Zones on 30000 hectares of land in the next 15 years with an employment generation for 10 million people.



Core Values

BEZA will strive to instill the following core values to reach and realize its vision and mission:

- Customer satisfaction;
- Team working;
- Free flow of information;
- Participation and involvement; Never stop learning;
- Networking; and
- Effective Public Private Partnership;

Bangladesh: Poised to inculcate Industrial Development



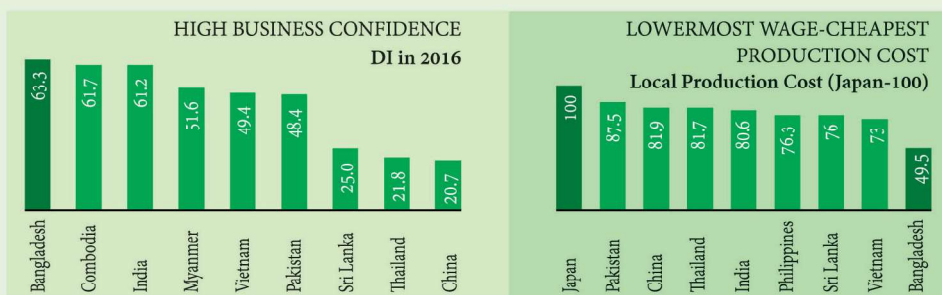
... as a roadmap for inclusive growth

Introduction

Bangladesh 'A Rapidly Industrializing Economy'

Bangladesh has demonstrated strong economic fundamentals with a consistent GDP growth 7.05% in 2015-16 and 6.14% over last five years. This growth in GDP is supported by expanding domestic market and a significant growth in per capita income.

In addition to the domestic demand, low-cost labor with growing skills provide Bangladesh potential competitive advantage to attract labor-intensive industries and serve as a hub to cater the export demands. Moreover, the cost of doing business in Dhaka city is considered to be one of the lowest when compared to other major cities. A study by JETRO illustrates that the cost of doing business in Dhaka is lowest among 28 South Asian cities. Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) in its 2014-15 survey mentions that Bangladesh has continued to be an attractive destination for Japanese companies to do business due to its lower production cost and labor wage compared to those of 19 countries in Asia and Oceania. In comparison to Japan, the cost of production in Bangladesh is less than half (49.5 percent) while it is 81.9 percent in China, 73 percent in Vietnam and 80.6 percent in India.



The potential of the economy is acknowledged by Investment fraternity with Goldman Sachs including it in its 'Next 11' country list and HSBC increasing its confidence in economy's trade potential.

Population	160 million
Area	147,570 sq. km
GDP growth	7.05% (2016) and last 5 years 6.14%
Poverty level	More than 25%
Total Exports	US\$ 31.2 billion (2015)
Per Capita GNI	US\$ 1466 (2016)
FDI Inflow	US\$ 1730 million (2016)
Major Sea Ports	Chittagong, Mongla and Payara (Ongoing)
Major Cities	Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna

Bangladesh provides a winning combination of business friendly environment and cost structures, thereby giving investors competitive returns.

Ease of starting Business

- ❑ Automated registration process:
- ❑ Reduced time for obtaining trading license and to complete the tax and value added tax processing.

FDI Policy: Economy offers a most liberal FDI regime in South Asia, with no prior approval requirements or limits on equity participation and repatriation of profits and income in most sectors.

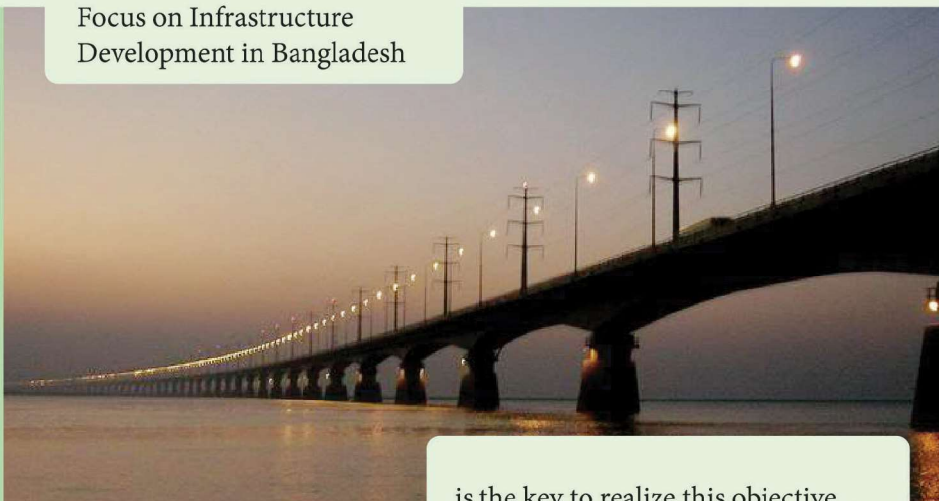
Trade Policy: Bangladesh enjoys duty free and quota free access to many developed economies. It has signed Treaties with 28 countries to avoid double taxation.

Government aims to accelerate industrial growth to achieve GDP growth rate of 10% by 2021

Government of Bangladesh, under its Industrial Policy, 2010, has announced a large number of incentives to encourage local and foreign investments:

- ❑ Economic Zones are entitled to avail fiscal incentives, such as tax holiday, VAT and duty exemption;
- ❑ Exemption of Double Taxation on royalties, technical know-how fees;
- ❑ Incentives to private sector power generation companies (IPP, ISP) according to the Private Sector Power Generation Policy of Bangladesh; and
- ❑ Special incentives for using biomass, solar and windmill based power.


Focus on Infrastructure Development in Bangladesh



is the key to realize this objective...



Vision for Industrial Development



In November 2010, Government of Bangladesh established Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) under the Bangladesh Economic Zones Act to drive new Economic zone regime. The authority is attached with the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and is mandated to establish, license, operate, and control economic zones in Bangladesh. Moreover, the authority is also committed to develop backward linkage industries, creating employment opportunities and contribute to poverty reduction program.

BEZA's Vision for Industrial Development is in line with Government's long-term outlook, defined in its Vision 2021, wherein, the Government of Bangladesh has set its development targets with the objectives to achieve middle-income country threshold by 2021, provide its citizens a higher standard of living, better access to education, improved social justice, and a more equitable socio-economic environment.

BEZA is created with the objective of delivering on the industry growth target. The duties and functions of BEZA are aligned to realize the development priorities as outlaid in the Vision 2021. It is committed to provide an environment conducive to private sector participation and at the same time, ensure inclusive growth in the economy.

Industrialization is expected to play a pivotal role in achieving the above targets. Bangladesh government is committed to provide right policy intervention and framework to facilitate this growth and promote private participation in the economy's growth.

BEZA's Objective is to establish one hundred EZs in the next fifteen years

... with an employment generation of 10 million
with development of 30,000 hectares of land

BEZA's Main Functions

1. To identify and select sites for industrial or similar sectors ;
2. To acquire land for economic zones identified by own initiative or PPP on behalf of the Government;
3. To appoint economic zone developer on competitive basis to develop and manage the acquired land and different types of infrastructure thereof;
4. To prepare infrastructure development plans of the Economic Zones;
5. To allocate or lease or rent of land, building or site, on competitive commercial basis in prescribed manner, to investors applied for establishing industrial units, businesses and service providers in economic zones for implementation and management of their establishment;
6. To ensure infrastructure development of economic zones within specified period through monitoring of activities of its own and of economic zone developers;
7. To create opportunities for employment through establishing backward linkage industries within or outside economic zones by promoting local and foreign investment including development of skilled labor force;
8. To ensure efficient use of land in the light of clustering principles by dividing the land based on infrastructure and on availability of local resources to provide a conducive environment and facilities within economic zones;
9. To encourage more efficient management and monitor programs for implementing commitments on environment and other matters;
10. To take steps to establish backward linkage industries in economic zones to meet the requirements of local economy;
11. To encourage business organizations to relocate polluting and unplanned industries from metropolitan cities through establishing separate economic zones for different industries;
12. To encourage public-private partnership in the development and operation of economic zones;
13. To take necessary steps to implement social and economic commitments;
14. To establish the due rights of workers, to ensure their welfare and to establish conducive relationships between owners and workers;
15. To take appropriate steps to implement poverty reduction programs;
16. To expedite implementation of industrial policy of the country by promoting planned industrialization of the thrust manufacturing and service sectors; and
17. To convert the areas declared as economic zones into economic centers by developing industrial cities, agro-based industrial zones, trade zones and tourism zones through investment of banking sectors and to facilitate availability of skilled labor and efficient service provision.

Vision 2021 and Objectives of BEZA

“Vision 2021 of Bangladesh is to achieve the status of a middle-income country by 2021”

Vision 2021	BEZA's Objectives
Ensuring broad-based growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Develop 100 Economic Zones in the country over the next fifteen years □ Create employment opportunities for 10 million People □ Establish backward linkage industries in Economic Zones to meet requirements of local economy
Addressing globalization and regional cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Attract foreign investors for development and operation of Economic Zones □ Encourage PPP in development and operation of Economic Zones □ Foster to make exports worth USD 40 billion from only the Economic Zones by 2030
Creating a caring society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Initiatives towards poverty reduction program □ Create employment opportunities for 10 million □ People Establishing backward linkage industries □ Steps to implement social and economic commitments □ Establishing social rights of workers and creating conducive employer-employee relationship
Ensuring effective governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Monitoring of activities of its own and of economic zone developers to ensure infrastructure development □ Encourage efficient management and monitor programs for implementing commitments on environment and other matters
Mitigating impacts of climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Encourage business organizations to relocate polluting and unplanned industries from metropolitan cities through establishing separate economic zones for different industries

BEZA has positioned itself to contribute in achieving the vision through regulatory reforms and providing support to the investors and development.

Category of Economic Zones at a glance

1. PPP Economic Zones

Established through public and private partnership (PPP) by local or foreign individuals, body or organizations;

2. Private Economic Zones

Established individually or jointly by local, non- resident Bangladeshis or foreign investor, body, business organizations or groups;

3. Government Economic Zones

Established and owned by the Government;

4. Special Economic Zones

Established privately or by public private partnership or by the Government initiative, for establishing any kind of specialized industry or commercial organization ;

5. G2G Economic Zones

Established upon initiative by the government of a foreign country or the Government of Bangladesh and/or in partnership between Government of Bangladesh and Government of a foreign country; and

6. Economic Zones

Established in collaboration with and/or partnership between Government Authorities or Organizations



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Internal road connectivity



Sewerage System

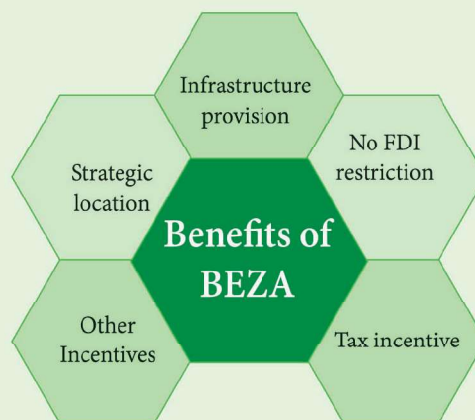
Attractive Investment Opportunity

Infrastructure Provision and Incentive Structure

There are multiple reasons which make investment in Economic Zones managed by BEZA on attractive proposition.

Strategic Location

Zones identified by BEZA for industrial development are strategically located in vicinity of the existing ports and airports. It supports not only in better logistics management but also in providing opportunity to leverage growing neighboring markets of China, India, Japan and other countries of ASEAN region.



Infrastructure Provision

Energy cost in Bangladesh is lowest amongst the neighboring countries. Moreover, BEZA also intends to provide competitive energy prices to the investors. It is poised to provide Uninterrupted power to industrial players at incentivized rates, embarking the plots more competitive compared to any other offered sites.

Further, for Special Economic Zones, Government intends to provide in-built electricity generation to cut dependence on national grid. It plans investment from domestic as well as foreign players to set-up electricity plants to ensure regular electricity supply.

Other Incentive Packages

Other than infrastructure provisions, BEZA provides multiple incentives to the developer of the Economic Zone as well as the investors in a particular industrial unit which includes, among others, Fiscal Benefits, such as exemption of taxes, custom/excise duties and Non-Fiscal Incentives, such as no FDI ceiling, work permits and residents/citizenship.

Incentive Package at a glance

BEZA would provide multiple incentives, other than infrastructure provision to the developer of the Economic Zone as well as manufacturing units. Benefits to the zone developer range from income tax exemption to reduction of capital expenditure. The incentive structure for investment unit is also attractive, ranging from fiscal incentives such as exemption of taxes, custom/excise duties to non-fiscal incentives such as no FDI ceiling, issuance of work permits and recommendation for Residency/ Citizenship.

For Developers

- ❑ Income Tax exemption for 12 years
- ❑ VAT Exemption on electricity
- ❑ VAT Exemption on local purchase excluding petroleum products
- ❑ Exemption from custom/excise duties
- ❑ Exemption of stamp duty and registration fees for land registration
- ❑ Exemption of stamp duty and registration fees for land registration of loan/credit document
- ❑ Exemption from dividend tax

For Unit Investors

- Income Tax exemption for 10 years
- Duty free import of raw materials etc.
- Economic Zone declared as custom bonded area
- Exemption from dividend tax
- Full repatriation of capital and dividend
- No ceiling of FDI
- 100% backward linkage of raw-materials and accessories to sell for EOI in DTA
- 20% sale of finished product to DTA
- Sub-contracting with DTA allowed
- Exemption of stamp duty and registration fees
- Exemption of VAT on all utility services
- Duty exemption on export
- Exemption of CD for import of vehicles
- Exemption of double taxation subject to
- Double taxation agreement Exemption of Salary income from IT for expatriates
- Foreign loan is allowed in compliance with existing laws
- FC Account for non-residents
- FC Account for both local and joint venture industry
- Foreign investors to be free to enter into JV
- Tax exemption on royalties, technical fees etc.
- Tax exemption on capital gains from transfer of shares.
- Provision of transfer of shares by foreign shareholders to local shareholders and Investors
- Issuance of work permits to foreigners is allowed up to 5% of total officers/ employees of an industrial unit
- Re-investment of remittable dividend to be treated as new foreign investment
- Resident visa for investment of US\$75,000 or more
- Citizenship for investment of US\$ 10,00,000 or more

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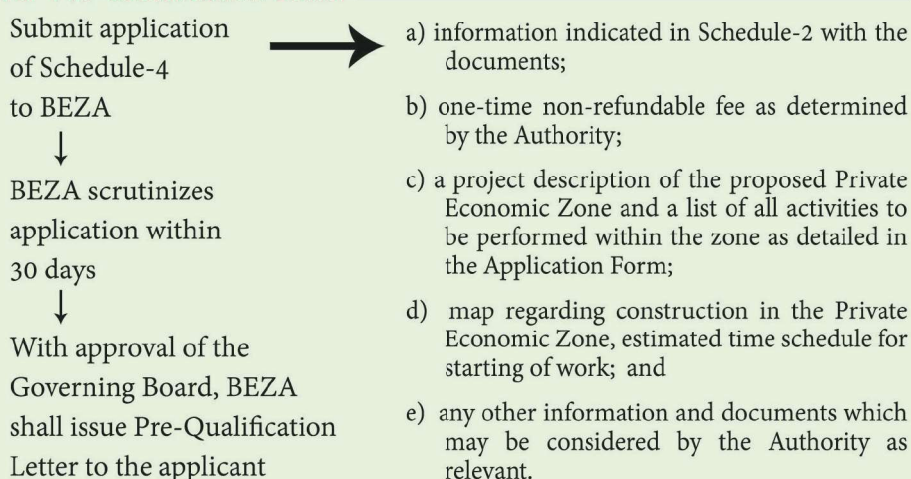
The main objective of BEZA is to act as a change agent for faster economic growth by creating investment friendly environment in the country. To achieve this objective our efforts would be to reduce lead-time and cost of doing business. Aligned with this effort, we are devoted to offer following services under One Stop Services (OSS):



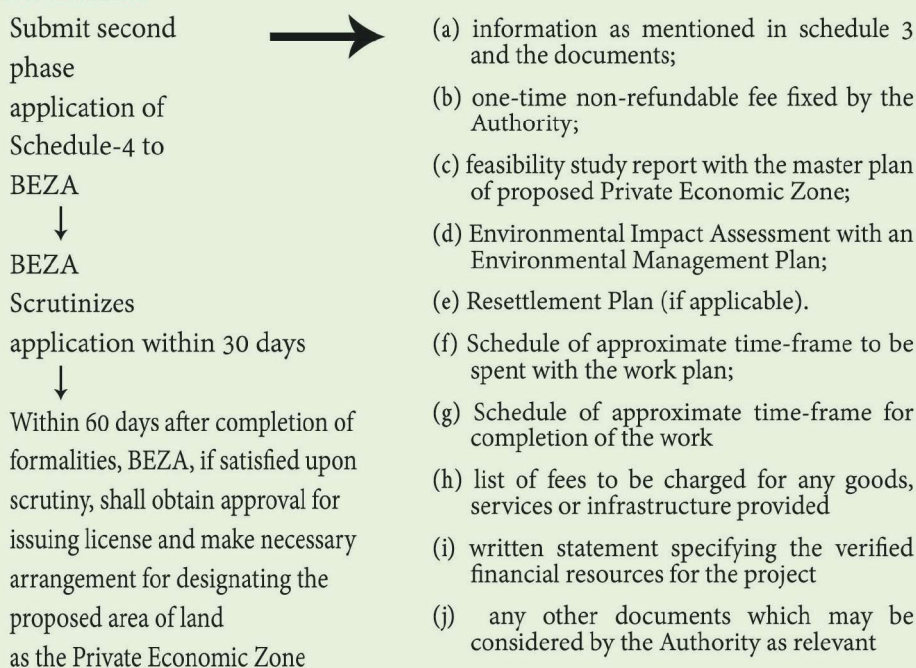
Requirement and procedure of application for Private EZ

An Enterprise shall submit First Stage Application for Pre-Qualification Letter and shall submit application for License under Article 6 within 12 (twelve) months from the date of issuance of the Pre-qualification Letter.

1. For Pre-Qualification Letter



2. For License



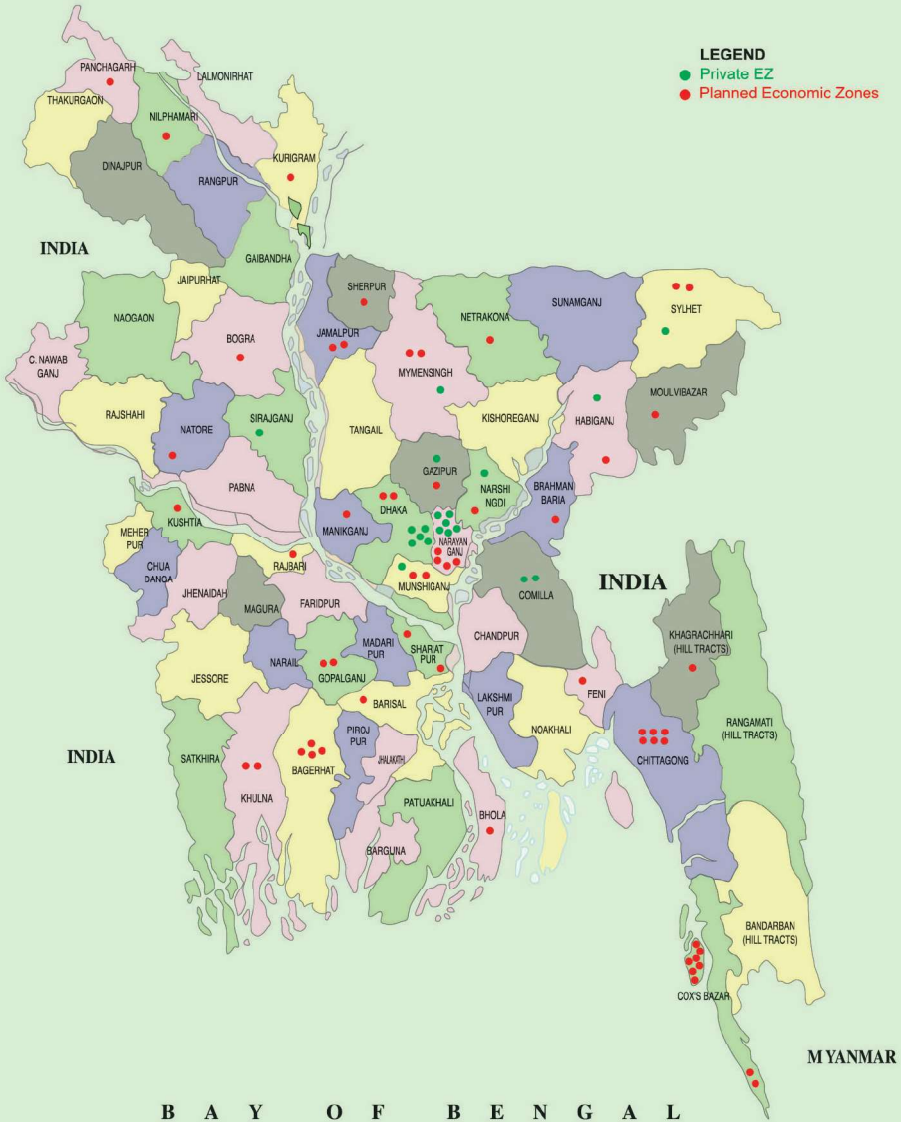
Planned Economic Zones

Sl	Name of Zone	Upazila	District
01	Mirsarai EZ	Mirsarai	Chittagong
02	Mirsarai 2a	Mirsarai	Chittagong
03	Mirsarai 2b	Mirsarai	Chittagong
04	Sabrang Tourism Park	Teknaf	Cox's Bazar
05	Naf Tourism Park	Teknaf	Cox's Bazar
06	Dhaka SEZ	Keraniganj	Dhaka
07	Narayanganj EZ	Bandar	Narayanganj
08	Anwara (CEIZ)	Anwara	Chittagong
09	Feni EZ	Sonagazi	Feni
10	Anwara (Gohira) EZ	Anwara	Chittagong
11	Shreepur	Noyonpur	Gazipur
12	Panchagarh	Debiganj	Panchagarh
13	Narsingdi EZ	Sadar	Narsingdi
14	Shariatpur EZ	Janjira	Shariatpur
15	Natore EZ	Lalpur	Natore
16	Araihazar EZ	Araihajar	Narayanganj
17	Patiya EZ	Patiya	Chittagong
18	Moheshkhali SEZ	Moheshkhali	Cox's Bazar
19	Sundarban Tourism Park	Sharonkhola	Bagerhat
20	Bogra EZ-1	Shajahanpur	Bogra
21	Khulna EZ-1	Botiaghata	Khulna
22	Khulna EZ-2	Terokhada	Khulna
23	Kurigram EZ	Sadar	Kurigram
24	Netrokona EZ	Sadar	Netrokona
25	Mymensingh EZ	Ishwarganj	Mymensingh
26	Narayanganj EZ	Sonargoan	Narayanganj
27	Garments Shilpa Park	Gajaria	Munshiganj
28	Famkam EZ	Rampal	Bagerhat
29	Mongla EZ	Mongla	Bagerhat
30	Shreehatta EZ	Sadar	Moulvibazar
31	Jamalpur EZ	Sadar	Jamalpur
32	Indian EZ (Kushtia)	Bheramara	Kushtia
33	Hobiganj EZ	Chunarughat	Hobiganj
34	Indian EZ (Mongla)	Mongla	Bagerhat
35	Gopalganj EZ -2	Gopalganj Sadar	Gopalganj
36	Sylhet SEZ	Goainghat	Sylhet
37	Stone Crushing Zone	Jointapur	Sylhet
38	Agailjhara EZ	Agoialghora	Barisal
39	Bhola Sadar EZ	Sadar	Bhola

Sl	Name of Zone	Upazila	District
40	Gopalganj EZ	Kotalipara	Gopalganj
41	Dhaka EZ	Dohar	Dhaka
42	Ashuganj EZ	Ashuganj	Brahmanbaria
43	Nilphamari EZ	Sadar	Nilphamari
44	Manikganj EZ	Shibalo	Manikganj
45	Shariatpur EZ	Gosairhat	Shariatpur
46	Moheshkhali -1	Moheshkhali	Cox's Bazar
47	Coxs Bazar SEZ	Moheshkhali	Cox's Bazar
48	Moheshkhali -2	Moheshkhali	Cox's Bazar
49	Moheshkhali -3	Moheshkhali	Cox's Bazar
50	Moheshkhali SEZ	Moheshkhali	Cox's Bazar
51	Rajshashi EZ	Paba	Rajshashi
52	Sherpur EZ	Sherpur Sadar	Sherpur
53	Moheshkhali EZ	Moheshkhali	Cox's Bazar
54	Mymensingh EZ	Sadar	Mymensingh
55	Alutia SEZ	Sadar	Khagrachari
56	Araihajar EZ -2	Araihajar	Narayanganj
57	Jamalpur EZ-2	Sadar	Jamalpur
58	Rampal EZ	Rampal	Bagerhat
59	Gajaria EZ	Gajaria	Munshiganj
Private Economic Zones			
01	Abdul Monem EZ	Gajaria	Munshiganj
02	A K Khan EZ	Palash	Narshingdi
03	Meghna EZ	Sonargoan	Narayanganj
04	Meghna Industrial EZ	Sonargoan	Narayanganj
05	Bay EZ	Gazipur Sadar	Gazipur
06	Aman EZ	Sonargoan	Narayanganj
07	Arisha EZ	Keraniganj	Dhaka
08	Sirajganj EZ	Sadar & Belkuchi	Sirajganj
09	Comilla EZ	Daudkandi	Comilla
10	Aliance EZ	Daudkandi	Comilla
11	United City EZ	DNCC	Dhaka
12	Fakrul Islam EZ	Sadar	Sylhet
13	East Coast EZ	Bahubal	Hobiganj
14	Sonargaon EZ	Sonargaon	Narayanganj
15	Bashundhara SEZ	Keraniganj	Dhaka
16	East-West SEZ	Keraniganj	Dhaka
17	City Economic Zone	Rupganj	Narayanganj
18	City SEZ	Demra	Dhaka
19	City IEZ	Rupganj	Narayanganj
20	Akij Economic Zone	Trishal	Mymensingh

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MAP OF ECONOMIC ZONES



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