

Export by Export Processing Zones (EPZ)

In order to achieve rapid economic growth of the country by increasing the inflow of foreign investment, particularly through industrialization, special steps have been taken since 1980 by setting up Export processing Zones (EPZ) in the country. Initially three special zones were set up in Chittagong (Halishahar), Dhaka (Savar) and Khulna (Mongla) where favorable facilities/assistance are provided to the potential investors both Bangladeshi and foreigners. The Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) started from 1983-84 while the Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) started from 1993-94. Later, EPZs have also been established in Mongla of Khulna, Ishwardi of Pabna, Cumilla, Uttara of Syedpur in the district of Nilphamary, Adamjee of Narayanganj and Karnaphuli of Chittagong which are classified into three types i.e. A-type (100% foreign investment), B-type (Joint venture between Bangladeshi and foreigners) and C-type (100% Bangladeshi enterprises).

At the end of June, 2021 type-wise number of functioning enterprise are shown in Table-5.

TABLE-5

Name of EPZ Zones	No. of Operation	Investment in Million USD	No. of Employment (Local)	No. of Employment (Foreign)
Total : Type-A	359	3837	303980	1531
Chittagong	99	1204	92215	205
Dhaka	83	1189	56369	318
Mongla	35	59	6365	35
Ishwardi	15	69	6912	62
Cumilla	44	280	30428	200
Uttara	15	172	25576	290
Adamjee	36	332	22026	97
Karnaphuli	32	532	64089	324
Total : Type-B	100	630	46087	172
Chittagong	22	121	17107	23
Dhaka	19	162	5724	74
Mongla	10	3	10	0
Ishwardi	7	30	572	1
Cumilla	17	125	4828	29
Uttara	1	0	0	0
Adamjee	18	149	15903	45
Karnaphuli	6	40	1943	0
Total : Type-C	216	1164	88138	68
Chittagong	63	536	49472	20
Dhaka	32	255	5766	11
Mongla	18	28	289	1
Ishwardi	16	66	5792	15
Cumilla	23	41	2515	3
Uttara	22	44	4312	1
Adamjee	28	118	12243	12
Karnaphuli	14	77	7749	5
Grand Total	675	5630	438205	1771

Source : Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA).

Table-6 shows the Export by the EPZ enterprises since 1989-90. The data are collected from Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA).

TABLE-6
Export by Export Processing Zone (EPZ)

Year	Taka in Crore	In million US\$
1989 - 90	111.0	34
1990 - 91	169.2	48
1991 - 92	258.9	68
1992 - 93	428.5	110
1993 - 94	411.7	103
1994 - 95	822.4	205
1995 - 96	1135.4	278
1996 - 97	1580.0	370
1997 - 98	2450.1	539
1998 - 99	2910.5	606
1999 - 00	3649.8	725
2000 - 01	4766.8	883
2001 - 02	4977.3	867
2002 - 03	5379.2	929
2003 - 04	6055.0	1027
2004 - 05	7245.1	1180
2005 - 06	9137.6	1362
2006 - 07	10464.5	1516
2007 - 08	11884.5	1732
2008 - 09	13074.3	1900
2009 - 10	14879.1	2150
2010 - 11	20001.9	2801
2011 - 12	27085.5	3426
2012 - 13	30548.9	3829
2013 - 14	34819.8	4480
2014 - 15	38515.1	4958
2015 - 16	42585.8	5439
2016 - 17	41281.3	5214
2017 - 18	47527.6	5785
2018 - 19	50675.6	6030
2019 - 20	41905.1	4944
2020 - 21	44998.0	5306

Source : Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA)