

Imports by Export Processing Zone (EPZ):

In order to achieve rapid economic growth of the country by increasing the inflow of foreign investment, particularly through industrialisation, special steps have been taken since 1980 by setting up Export Processing Zone (EPZ) in the country in Chittagong (Haliahahar), Dhaka (Savar) and Khulna (Mongla) where favourable 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, Ishurdi of Pabna, Comilla, Uttara of Syedpur in the district of Nilphamary, Adamjee of Narayanganj and Karnaphuli of Chittagong where the investments are classified into three types i.e., A-type (100% foreign investment), B-type (Joint venture investment between Bangladeshi and foreigners) and C-type (100% Bangladeshi entrepreneur's investment).

At the end of June, 2021 type-wise number of functioning enterprises in EPZ area are shown in Table-VI.

Table-VI

Name of EPZ Zones	No. of Operation	Investment In million USD	Employment (Local)	Employment (Foreign)
Total : Type-A	359	3836.7	303980	1531
Chittagong	99	1204.2	92215	205
Dhaka	83	1188.5	56369	318
Mongla	35	58.6	6365	35
Ishurdi	15	68.7	6912	62
Comilla	44	280.1	30428	200
Uttara	15	172.2	25576	290
Adamjee	36	332.4	22026	97
Karnaphuli	32	531.9	64089	324
Total : Type-B	100	629.6	46087	172
Chittagong	22	120.7	17107	23
Dhaka	19	162.2	5724	74
Mongla	10	2.9	10	0
Ishurdi	7	30.2	572	1
Comilla	17	124.8	4828	29
Uttara	1	0.1	0	0
Adamjee	18	148.8	15903	45
Karnaphuli	6	39.9	1943	0
Total : Type-C	216	1164.3	88138	68
Chittagong	63	535.7	49472	20
Dhaka	32	255.0	5766	11
Mongla	18	27.5	289	1
Ishurdi	16	66.3	5792	15
Comilla	23	41.1	2515	3
Uttara	22	44.2	4312	1
Adamjee	28	117.7	12243	12
Karnaphuli	14	76.7	7749	5
Grand Total	675	5630.6	438205	1771

Source: Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

Table – VII shows the imports to abroad by the EPZ enterprises since 1988-89. The data have been collected from Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

TABLE – VII
IMPORTS BY EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE (EPZ)

Year	Amount in crore Taka	Amount in million US \$
1988-89	48.2	15
1989-90	105.3	32
1990-91	142.7	40
1991-92	240.3	63
1992-93	332.7	85
1993-94	484.0	121
1994-95	791.9	197
1995-96	1065.8	261
1996-97	1716.6	402
1997-98	2239.2	493
1998-99	2384.0	496
1999-00	3348.7	665
2000-01	3698.4	685
2001-02	3601.7	627
2002-03	4209.3	727
2003-04	5224.6	886
2004-05	5843.5	952
2005-06	7122.5	1062
2006-07	7901.8	1144
2007-08	8877.5	1294
2008-09	8956.0	1302
2009-10	9774.9	1414
2010-11	15273.1	2140
2011-12	16774.3	2114
2012-13	19975.1	2505
2013-14	23120.8	2975
2014-15	23473.0	3022
2015-16	24413.3	3119
2016-17	24497.0	3097
2017-18	29222.4	3556
2018-19	30830.0	3669
2019-2020	25631.7	3025
2020-2021	28314.4	3339

Source : Bangladesh Export Processing zones Authority (BEPZA)