

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 (Haliashahar), 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, Cumilla, 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, 2022 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	345	4045.2	346202	1582
Chittagong	101	1266.7	105238	208
Dhaka	83	1219.8	65102	327
Mongla	27	73.3	8358	40
Ishwardi	14	71.7	7986	51
Cumilla	35	312.5	38395	212
Uttara	15	175.2	25863	291
Adamjee	38	358.4	25464	103
Karnaphuli	32	567.6	69796	350
Total : Type-B	86	637.1	47727	176
Chittagong	20	120.2	17190	35
Dhaka	18	154.2	2448	67
Mongla	5	6.1	24	0
Ishwardi	7	31.0	572	1
Cumilla	10	102.3	3691	26
Uttara	1	0.1	0	0
Adamjee	19	180.6	20935	47
Karnaphuli	6	42.6	2867	0
Total : Type-C	222	1358.1	108436	81
Chittagong	69	562.5	55477	15
Dhaka	36	302.8	10760	25
Mongla	13	28.4	244	1
Ishwardi	19	105.4	7720	14
Cumilla	20	98.7	5477	5
Uttara	23	46.4	6624	1
Adamjee	28	130.5	13697	17
Karnaphuli	14	83.4	8437	3
Grand Total	653	6040.4	502365	1839

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
2021-2022	40417.7	4682

Source : Bangladesh Export Processing zones Authority (BEPZA)