# Special Economic Zone at Simara (Block B & C)



Government of Nepal Ministry of Industry, Commerce & Supplies Special Economic Zone Authority



## Background

Nepal's southern region, with its strategic connectivity and proximity to India, holds immense potential to be developed as an area with competitive advantage for industry. With this insight, Simara Special Economic Zone (SEZ) has been envisioned to promote and diversify exports while piloting new policies and approaches to enhance export-oriented industries. Simara SEZ is comprised of 5 blocks where Block A is already progressing towards establishing robust infrastructure for operating industrial activities.

The Block B & C of Simara Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is set to be developed in Bara district. Presently, the land designated for Blocks B & C is characterized by its agricultural usage, with the local populace engaged primarily in farming activities. The transition from this agrarian base towards an industrial epicenter forms the base of the SEZ's expansion strategy for Blocks B & C. This strategic development is anticipated to generate significant employment opportunities, enhance the region's export capacity, and foster a conducive environment for industrial innovation.



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Location Jeetpur Simara Sub-metropolitan city Bara district, Madhesh province



Area 120.34 hectares

#### **Project Rationale**



Develop and diversify export-oriented industries in Nepal



Leverage Raxaul's strategic location for bilateral trade with India



Enhance industry competitiveness and innovation and attract Foreign Direct Investments in the industrial sector



Pilot new and innovative policies and approaches to promote export-oriented industries



Provide international standard physical facilities for industrial development



Boost socio-economic development for local communities

#### **Salient Features**



Industrial plots in 35.8 hectares



Buffer Zone in 25.6 hectares



Administrative Area in 2.2 hectares







0.87



School in 1.3



## **Project Components**



Plots



Administrative and service buildings



Parkina areas



Security check posts



Telecommunication line network



Truck weighing bridge



Water supply distribution system

## **Project Outcomes**

School



Hospital





exports



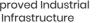
Technology & Skill Transfer



Employment Generation

Industrial Development

Improved Industrial



Petrol

pump

**Estimated Project Cost** 



(1 USD = 104.15 NPR. as of 2017)

# **Project Implementation Modality**



**Build Own Operate and Transfer** (BOOT)

#### **Public Private Partnership** (PPP)

# **Project Implementation Timeline**





## **Relevant Agencies**

- Special Economic Zone Authority
- Department of Industry

## **About the Agency**

Special Economic Zone Authority was established under the Ministry of Industry (MoI), Government of Nepal, to prepare the SEZ law and relevant rules and regulations, to conduct the pre-feasibility and feasibility studies for the establishment of SEZ in different areas of the country, and to construct required infrastructure in SEZ areas, throughout Nepal. The SEZ is envisioned by the government to create a specific commercial area for the promotion of foreign trade. The regulation within this commercial area is more liberal which intends to avoid restrictions placed within the domestic legislation of Nepal.

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