

# 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.



**Sector**  
Industry



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



**Area**  
120.34 hectares

## Project Rationale



Develop and diversify export-oriented industries in Nepal



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



Leverage Raxaul's strategic location for bilateral trade with India



Provide international standard physical facilities for industrial development



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



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



Service Area in 0.8 hectares



Hospital in 0.87 hectares



School in 1.3 hectares



Road in 25.5 hectares

## Project Components



Industrial Plots



Administrative and service buildings



Security check posts



Truck weighing bridge



Hospital



School



Petrol pump



Parking areas



Telecommunication line network



Water supply distribution system

## Project Outcomes



Industrial Development



Improved Industrial Infrastructure



Growth in exports



Technology & Skill Transfer



Employment Generation

## Estimated Project Cost



(1 USD = 104.15 NPR, as of 2017)

## Project Implementation Modality



Public Private Partnership (PPP)

Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT)

## Project Implementation Timeline



Project Ideation



EIA



Feasibility Study



Detailed Engineering Design 2017



Solicitation



## 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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