Recognition of Honour

Government has awarded Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) for achieving excellent success in accomplishing the target of Annual Performance Agreement (APA) for the fiscal Year 2015-16. BEPZA ranked highest among the organizations under the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) achieving 100% target.
Sheikh Hasina Special Initiatives

Sheikh Hasina's Commitment
Progress in Women's Empowerment

Sheikh Hasina's Instruction
Investment Friendly Bangladesh

Sheikh Hasina's Commitment
Exports' Enhancement

Sheikh Hasina's Vow
To Build Sonar Bangladesh

BEPZA is marching ahead successfully to build Sonar Bangladesh
We are very happy to publish Annual Report 2015-16 as a consecutive publication. Like every other issues, we have been added an in-depth and comprehensive overview of BEPZA, the key moments and metrics of the fiscal year 2015-16 ended at June 30, 2016. We have tried to give a new shape to make it an enjoyable manuscript rather than a traditional financial statement.

BEPZA is one of the most successful organizations of the country in terms of attracting investment, generation of employment, export earning and product diversification. All the related data compiled here in easy way so that everybody can easily go through. Northern & Southern region of the country is booming by Uttara, Ishwardi & Mongla EPZ. We tried to give the readers an idea about how a prudent decision of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has changed the lifestyle of these regions. This report bears trend of investment in the EPZs of Bangladesh, key points that keeping ahead EPZs under BEPZA as an investment hub. This issue also illustrates why Bangladesh a lucrative investment destination. We tried to exemplify our contributions to the national economy and FDI of the country, how the EPZs becoming a vibrant part of socio economic development of the country etc. BEPZA’s role in implementing the Vision 2021 and achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) also placed in this report.

In the recent years, BEPZA achieves a huge growth in investment, export and employment generation. To share it with the readers we have ornamented a page with the success of BEPZA during 2009-16 periods. BEPZA has successfully accomplished the targets of Annual Performance Agreement for the FY 2015-16. Government has awarded BEPZA since the Authority ranked highest among the organizations under PMO. Since any recognition is the outcome of our sincere work, we definitely would like to share it with our allied bodies.

BEPZA is very much aware about the environmental issues. As a part of eco-friendly initiatives the Authority has taken numerous projects such as setting up solar panel to reduce the dependency on conventional supply of power, installed solar streetlights and LED light to reduce consumption of electricity, commissioned CETP, WTP etc. We presented in details about those matters in this manuscript. We also highlighted on workforce issues, compliance matters, WWA which is like Trade Union of outside EPZs, Corporate Social responsibility (CSR) activities by the enterprises etc. in this report. Dignitaries’ visits and some snap shots of special national & international events also been placed in the Annual Report 2015-16.

This was really a huge task to coordinate all the matters in a small book. To accomplish tough task we got tremendous support from Accounts & Finance, Investment Promotion and Engineering Divisions of the Executive Office and from the eight zone office as well. We are relay thankful to them. We have tried to illustrate every picture related to BEPZA. Endeavour of Public Relations Department will be successful if this report could assimilate the reader’s thirst.
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Chairman, BEPZA Board of Governors
Message

I am happy to learn that Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) is going to publish its Annual Report 2015-16.

BEPZA has opened a new horizon to strengthen economic base of Bangladesh by attracting both FDI and local investment in the country’s EPZs. It has been playing a vital role in socio-economic development of the country through employment generation and women empowerment. I would like to mention proudly that most of the eight EPZs have been set up during our tenure.

Our policies offer the investment friendly incentive package, attractive tax holiday period with a stable regulatory framework. Moreover, we ensure legal protection against nationalization and expropriation, guarantee for repatriation of capital and dividend, 100% foreign equity, unrestricted exit policy etc. which made Bangladesh a lucrative investment destination.

I am happy to know that BEPZA ranked highest among the organizations under the Prime Minister’s Office in accomplishing the target of Annual Performance Agreement for the fiscal year 2014-15 & 2015-16.

Our government is very much aware about workers’ right, safety and welfare. We have increased wages of the EPZ’s workers twice in the last seven years. I am happy that EPZs have created employment opportunities for 2,33,117 Bangladeshi nationals during last seven years. We have enacted “The EPZ Workers Welfare Association and Industrial Relations Act-2010” keeping provision to form Workers Welfare Association (WWA). I am pleased to know that WWAs are functioning peacefully and properly for ensuring labour rights according to the Act.

I would like to congratulate EPZs’ investors including workforce and employees of BEPZA who have sustained a cohesive amicable teamwork for achieving outstanding success.

This report, I hope, will give an overall picture and performance of BEPZA and help the entrepreneurs get right direction in choosing investment destination.

I wish all out success of the Annual Report.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever

Sheikh Hasina
MANAGEMENT Steps

Board of Governors

Chaired by
The Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina
Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Executive Board

Headed by
The Executive Chairman
Members - Investment Promotion, Engineering and Finance

BEPZA

Lead by the Executive Chairman
Secretary (Administration)

Export Processing Zones

Operated by the General Manager
Chittagong EPZ Dhaka EPZ
Comilla EPZ Karnaphuli EPZ
Adamjee EPZ Mongla EPZ
Ishwardi EPZ Uttara EPZ
Message

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) is going to publish its Annual Report 2015-2016.

BEPZA is a name of trust, reliability and confidence to the entrepreneurs of both home and abroad. It is relentlessly working to strengthen the economic base and socio-economic development of Bangladesh through attracting investment, boosting export and employment generation. I appreciate this role of BEPZA.

I am happy to know that BEPZA is contributing around 20% of total national export & FDI for the last consecutive years. In 2015-16 fiscal year, the eight EPZs attracted investment US$ 404.36 million and exported US$ 6676.32 million. Till the end of the fiscal, EPZs generated employment for 4,53,652 Bangladeshi nationals, among them 64% are female. As per instruction of the Honourable Prime Minister, BEPZA has built dormitory in Chittagong EPZ for benefit of female workers. All these matters, as a member of BEPZA Board of Governor, delighted me.

I am glad that during last seven years i.e. 2009-15, BEPZA gained US$ 2238.51 million investment with growth of 147.76%, exported goods worth US$ 31,724.72 million which shows increase of 187.47% and created employment for 2,33,117 persons with 123.29% inflow than previous seven years i.e. 2002-08. These achievements are truly admirable.

I hope the contributions so far made by BEPZA towards the economic development of the country would continue in the years ahead. I wish overall success of BEPZA.

Dr. Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury
Principal Secretary
Preamble

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) is the name of success, reliability and progress. It is the most successful organization in the country in terms of meeting the objectives which were set in the very beginning of its journey.

The Authority has created such an investment-friendly atmosphere to the foreign and local entrepreneurs by which they can easily rely on it. Moreover, the organization is contributing a lot in rapid industrialization of the country through attracting investment in the EPZs, boosting up export and creating employment opportunities that are assisting Bangladesh to be an economically prosperous country.

All these made BEPZA a brand to the entrepreneurs of all corners of the globe and the triumph of BEPZA means Bonanza for the Investors. Being the Executive Chairman, I feel proud of it. This publication will help us to share our facts and achievement with the people as well as our stakeholders.

Eight EPZs of BEPZA consist only 2307.27 acres of land. From this very little area, BEPZA is contributing a huge impact in the economy of Bangladesh. The EPZs exported goods worth US$ 55.19 billion up to November 2016 from the 463 operational industries which is around 20% of the total national export. Till then BEPZA have attracted US$ 4.14 billion investment from the entrepreneurs of 38 countries.
4,63,000 workers have been employed in the eight EPZs which is playing a significant role in the socio-economic development of the country. Among the total workforce, 64% are female. Thus, BEPZA is contributing to the gradual empowerment of women in the country by creating employment opportunities for them.

Under the direction, guidance and strong leadership of the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, we achieved a remarkable success in the recent years. We are very proud to share that BEPZA has been awarded for excellent success in accomplishing the target of Annual Performance Agreement for the fiscal year 2015-16. BEPZA has ranked highest among the organizations under the Prime Minister’s Office for the consecutive two years i.e. 2014-15 and 2015-16.

During the 2002-08 periods BEPZA exported goods worth US$ 11035.75 million where as the total export figure was US$ 31724.72 million during 2009-15 period. It shows that BEPZA’s export growth was 187.47% in the last seven years under the dynamic leadership of Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after assuming office in 2009. We achieved 147.76% growth in investment and 123.29% in employment during 2009-15 period compared to the previous seven years i.e. 2002-08.

Though BEPZA is working continuously for the industrial development of the country, it never ignores the environment and compliance issues. We have taken a lot of initiatives to make our EPZs as low carbon green zone. Apart from our green initiatives, we encourage the industries inside EPZs to go green in order to maximum protection of environment. We have appointed 30 environment counselors who regularly monitor the environment issues of EPZs.

Workers of the EPZs are getting higher wages than outside. The minimum starting wages of the EPZ workers is US$ 70 (excluding transport & food). Compliance issues related to the workers are strictly monitored by the IR officials and 60 social counselors. We always try to maintain amicable relation among workers, owners and management and it is the core strength of BEPZA. EPZ workers' have the right to form Workers Welfare Association (WWA) as per EWWAIR Act, 2010. The WWAs are acting as CBA of the EPZ workers. As per instruction of the Honourable Prime Minister we have taken a significant step in building a dormitory for the female workers.

Moreover, some EPZ enterprises are also planning to build dormitory for their workers within the adjacent area of EPZ.

To become the active partner in making ‘Digital Bangladesh’ BEPZA streamlined its activities by reducing reliance on paper documentation. We have implemented automation system in all EPZs through which day-to-day operational permissions are given without using paper documents. BEPZA is well aware about the security issues. Three layers security system consist of BEPZA’s own security, Ansar and Industrial Police ensuring tight security of the zone as well as investors. We have introduced 24 hours CCTV surveillance at the key points of the zone area. Moreover, we have expanded the medical center facilities in each EPZ. Considering the socio economic development of the locality BEPZA Public School & College spread out its branches in Comilla, Karnaphuli & Uttara EPZ area to provide better education for the children of the workers, employees of EPZ and locals.

Bangladesh is marching ahead with the vision to be a middle-income country by 2021 and developed nation by 2041. BEPZA is happy as proud partner in implementing the vision. We are obliged to the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her active directions as the Chairperson of BEPZA Board of Governors which helped BEPZA to stay in the right track. We are thankful to the respected members of the BEPZA Board of Governors and Principal Secretary for their valuable support and advice. BEPZA believes in collaborative teamwork, therefore, I would like to express my special thanks and gratitude to the members of the Executive Board, efficient and sincere employees of BEPZA. And of course the valued investors for their nice cooperation to maintain Workers-Owners-Management synergy.

I do believe that if we could continue these combined efforts BEPZA will be remain as the ultimate investment destination to the entrepreneurs.

Mohd Habibur Rahman Khan
Major General
Executive Chairman
Vision

To Become a Significant Contributor for Economic Development of Bangladesh

Mission

Strengthen the economic base of Bangladesh through

- Industrialization
- Promotion of Investment
- Boost up Export
- Generation of Employment in the Export Processing Zones

Objectives

- Promotion of Local & Foreign Investment in EPZs
- Better Services to the Investors
- Boost up Export of EPZs
- Enhancement of Employment Opportunities including Worker Welfare in EPZs
- Transfers of Technology & Skill Development
8 EPZs of Bangladesh
Visionary Decision Booming Northern & Southern Region

EPZs are the shining example of vibrant rural lifestyle
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EPZs are the shining example of vibrant rural lifestyle
Trend of Investment

EPZs of Bangladesh are already well known as 'Bonanza for the Investors' due to low cost production base, availability of cheapest energetic workforce and geo-regional location. BEPZA always tries to maintain the peaceful production oriented investment friendly industrial atmosphere in the EPZs. For this reason, various adverse situations in industrial sector of the country could not affect on EPZ. Thus, BEPZA is playing a significant role in the economic as well as socio-economic development of the country.

EPZ's of Bangladesh is renowned as competitive wage, low cost production and most attractive investment friendly industrial base in the Asian Region. Now BEPZA is a brand in the global market. Investment in the EPZ is always welcome and BEPZA ensures congenial atmosphere for the investors. Investors from 37 countries have invested in the EPZs of Bangladesh.

Entrepreneurs are keen to invest in the lucrative location of capital city Dhaka and port city Chittagong area. Due to lack of plots in Dhaka and Chittagong EPZs BEPZA is unable to accommodate big entrepreneurs despite of growing demands in those EPZs. There is no vacant plots in Dhaka, Chittagong, Comilla, Adamjee, Karnaphuli EPZs and only few plots are existing in Uttara, Ishwardi and Mongla EPZs which are not enough for big scale investment. Since there is scarcity of plots in the EPZs, BEPZA is expanding the existing Standard Factory Buildings vertically to meet up the growing demand of investment.

However, changing the global economic scenario are prompting investors from industrially develop countries including China to reassess their investment strategies and plan for relocating their industries in a suitable place. Those changes are producing opportunities for Bangladesh to attract higher levels of FDI. China, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia & Malaysia are experiencing increase of wage and rising production costs that are making them more expensive, resulting international investors are keen to migrate their industries in the EPZs of Bangladesh.
Trade Key Point

GSP
The generalized system of preference (GSP) is a preferential tariff system which provides for a formal system of exemption from the more general rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO). Bangladesh is enjoying tariff and quota free access under GSP facilities from 38 countries and 28 EU countries for all its products (apart from arms and armaments). Bangladesh also enjoys GSP Australia, Belarus, Canada, Liechtenstein, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Russian Federation, Switzerland and Turkey. The GSP scheme is specifically designed to benefit certain developing countries and integrate them into the world economy. These stipulate that manufactured products have to be `sufficiently worked or processed’ in the exporting country in order to qualify as having originated there.

Duty Free Access
Bangladesh has been a WTO member since 1995 and as a least developed country, benefits from the EU’s "Everything but Arms” arrangement, which grants duty free, quota free access for all exports, except arms and ammunition. Bangladesh is also the member of different regional trade blocs. Thus, the country enjoys duty free or reduced tariff rate access to other member countries. Some 52 countries have given duty-free access of Bangladeshi products to their markets. US have allowed duty-free access for 8,620 Bangladeshi products, South Korea 8,778 products, China 4,788 products, Thailand 6,999 products and Malaysia 297 products. The government had move to expand duty-free access facilities for products to more countries.
Free Trade Agreement
The government is giving priority to signing Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the countries which are not providing duty-free and quota-free facilities to Bangladeshi products. Bangladesh is the only country in south Asia that has no FTA with any countries, but has bilateral agreements with 44 countries. Signing of FTAs with the countries with which the bilateral trade is in favour of Bangladesh or it enjoys a trade surplus will not benefit the country. Bangladesh also enjoys facilities from the membership of the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA), the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA), SAPTA and therefore enjoys reduced tariffs on exports of certain goods to China.

Off-Shore Banking Unit (OBU)
An off-Shore banking unit (OBU) is a financial service unit which plays an intermediary role between non-resident borrowers and lenders. Generally, an off-Shore banking unit is located in an international financial center like EPZs or EZs. OBUs play an important role to satisfy the banking needs of the industries operating in the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) of the country extending all sorts of credit facilities; with the growing demands for banking facilities due to establishments of more industries in the EPZs.

The activities of an off-Shore banking unit are not subject to the local restrictions as there might be on foreign exchange or other banking activities or regulations. So, off-Shore banking is international banking kept separate from domestic banking with freedom of functioning. Avenues have been created for the local banks to earn substantial amount of foreign exchange by operating OBUs. The OBUs are entitled to obtain deposit as well as borrowing from abroad and are free to extend credit facilities to the industries in the EPZs. OBUs help the local banks to serve better the needs of their customer who set up A-Type industries in the EPZs. OBUs are free to accept deposits from outside Bangladesh and borrow abroad. They are also free to make advances/investments abroad and also make permissible transactions with industries in the EPZs. OBUs may be located in the EPZs or any other convenient location outside. Even existing branches of banks may be allowed to operate such units through a completely separate counter. At present, BEPZA has permitted 31 Banks for setting up of OBUs.
Bangladesh Lucrative Investment Destination

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is one of the vital forces to boost up the economy. Bangladesh as an unparallel and enviable investment destination for foreign investors because of cheap labour cost, low cost of utility, availability of skilled & semi skilled young workforce, loyalty and sincerity of workforce, investment friendly regime, and tax holiday schemes. Several survey and reports shows that Bangladesh as the most favoured destination for FDI in last couple of years.

- Bangladesh an attractive destination for business: JETRO
  The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Board of Investment, Bangladesh released This World Investment Report 2016 jointly.

- FDI to Bangladesh Almost Doubles in 2015: This World Investment Report 2016 was released jointly by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and Board of Investment, Bangladesh. According to World Investment Report, Bangladesh witnessed a "historically high level" of growth in foreign direct investment in 2015, crossing the figure US$2b mark.

- Bangladesh has been placed among Asia Pacific’s top 10 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) hotspots. IHS Inc. the leading global source of critical information and insight announced the findings from its study on Asia’s top ten foreign direct investment hotspots at the company’s Global Economic and Country Risk conference in Vienna.

- The World Bank has ranked Bangladesh 176th out of 190 countries in the ease of doing business in 2016.
Safety Gyre

FPIA
The Foreign Private Investment (Promotional and Protection) Act secures all foreign investment against expropriation, nationalization and ensures fair and equitable treatment.

OPIC
The Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) is the United States government's development finance institution that provides businesses with the tools to manage the risks associated with FDI, fosters economic development in emerging market countries.

MIGA
The Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) is an international financial institution which offers political risk insurance and credit enhancement guarantees.

WIPO
The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is the global forum for intellectual property services, policy, information and cooperation.

ICSID
International Center for the Settlement of Investment Dispute (ICSID) is the world's leading institution devoted to international investment dispute settlement.
**Fiscal**

- 7 years Tax holiday for Uttara, Ishwardi and Mongla EPZ; first 03 years 100% exemption, next 03 years 50% exemption and last 01 year (7th) 25% exemption
- 5 years Tax holiday for Chittagong, Dhaka, Comilla, Adamjee and Karnaphuli EPZ; first 02 years 100% exemption, next 02 years 50% exemption and rest 01 year (5th) 25% exemption
- Duty free import of raw materials, machinery, equipment and construction materials
- Duty free export of finished goods
- Relief from double taxation
- Exemption from dividend tax for tax holiday period
- Exemption from income tax on salaries of foreign technician for 3 years
- Duty free import of two / three vehicles for A & B Type industries subject to certain conditions
- Full repatriation of profit, capital and establishment

**Non-Fiscal**

- No ceiling on foreign and local investment
- 100% foreign ownership permissible
- Enjoys GSP benefits in EU countries, Japan, Australia, Canada
- Foreign currency loan from abroad under Off-Shore Banking Unit (OBU) facilities
- Medium/long term external borrowing facilities
- Non-Resident Foreign Currency Deposit (NFCD) allowed for 'A' Type industries
- Operation of FC account by 'B' and 'C' Type industries allowed
- 100% backward linkage, raw materials, accessories are allowed to sell for export oriented industries inside and outside EPZs

- 10% sale of finished products except garments, defective finished goods and surplus raw materials to Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) is allowed
- Import and Export on CM / CMP / CMT basis allowed
- Intra / inter zone Sub-contracting and transfer of goods allowed
- Sub-contracting with export oriented industries inside and outside EPZ allowed
- No UD (Utilization Declaration), IRC (Import Registration Certificate), ERC (Export Registration Certificate) required

**One Stop Facilities**

- BEPZA offers One Window Same Day service
- Simplified Project Approval procedure
- Work Permits issued by BEPZA
- Import and Export Permits issued by BEPZA within the same day through automation system
- Customs clearance at the factory site
- Investors are required to deal only with BEPZA for Investment and all other operational needs

**Support Services**

- Business- Bank, Courier, Post Office, C&F Agent, Shipping Agent, MTO etc.
- Administrative- Customs Office, Police Station, In-house Security, Fire Station, Public Transport, Medical Centre, Warehouse / Godown, Dormitory, Day Care Centre etc.
- Others- Restaurant, Health Club, Investors Club, Recreation Centre, School and College, Sports Complex, Exclusive Telephone Exchange, Electricity Sub Station, Business Centre, Anglers Club etc.
Bangladesh economy continues to do well. Sustained macro stability, disinflation, rising reserves and declining interest rates are playing an important role in stabilizing the economy; especially under the dynamic leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. 2009 to 2016 periods has opened up a new economic era of Bangladesh. In ‘Bangladesh Investment and Policy Summit-2016,’ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina mentioned that today’s Bangladesh is a different one from a half-a-decade ago.

The Hon’ble Prime Minister announced constitution of a dedicated Taskforce in favour of the Japanese companies to do their business continently in Bangladesh. In this regard, a MoU signed between BEPZA and JETRO to give highly value the Japanese investment. Sheikh Hasina said, I hope all of you would extend your support on this for furthering our mutual interest that includes increasing trade and investment. I believe that the present state of our bi-lateral relations calls for conclusion of a comprehensive partnership agreement between Bangladesh and Japan, she added.

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority achieved overwhelming progress in investment, export, employment and industrialization during the last eight years under the guidance of the Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
Success in 2009-16

It has attained US$ 2667.60 million in investment which shows growth of 179.19%, export earned US$38,330.99 with growth 216.57%, generation of employment 2,55,118 that’s growth 118.44% and new operating industries were 170 with growth 40.50% during 2009-15 compared to the 2001-08 period. Mentionable that in the previous 8 years i.e. 2001-08 investment gained US$ 955.49 million, export made US$ 12,108.20 million, employment generated 1,16,789 persons and operating industries were 121 nos.
Category

BEPZA has sanctioned 580 industrial units in different EPZs of the country as on June 2016. Among these, 460 industries are already in operation and others in their different stages of implementation. Out of those 460 enterprises, 256 plants have been set up through Foreign Direct Investment, 70 industries are under Joint Venture and 134 units fully Bangladeshi owned.

100% Foreign Owned-55.65%
Joint Venture-15.22%
100% Local Owned-29.13%
**Investment**

Since 2009-10 Fiscal Year to 2015-16 Fiscal Year US$ 2.41 billion investment has been made in BEPZA. Figure shows there is a positive growth in terms of actual investment made in the EPZs.

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*Investment Gained US$ 404.36 M in 2015-2016*
Export

During 2009-10 to 2015-16 fiscal years, the enterprises of EPZ exported goods worth US$ 33.90 billion. With the increase of export, the contribution of EPZs to the total national export quantum is also mounting every year.

Export Earned US$ 6676.32 M in 2015-2016
Employment

Employment pattern of EPZs shows that BEPZA have been making a vital role for poverty emancipation in view of socio-economic development of the energetic youth combination force through employment generation. 2,18,959 Bangladeshi nationals have directly employed in the previous 07 financial years.

Employment Generated 33551 nos. in 2015-2016
Involvements

Eight EPZs consisting 2,307.27 acres of land, from this tiny area BEPZA contributes around 20% both to national exports and to FDI for last couple of years. BEPZA set its vision to become a significant contributor for socio-economic development of Bangladesh through industrialization, promotion of investment, boost up export and generation of employment in the EPZs.

National Export

BEPZA’s success can only be illustrated by its amazing achievement 460 industries operating in eight EPZs, an incredible employment of nearly half a million workforces have contributed 19.50% to the total national FY 2015-16. Export from EPZs has growth steadily. Since 1996 to 2016, BEPZA has made significant contribution to the national export of Bangladesh. During 1996 to 2016 fiscal year BEPZA’s contribution to the total national export of Bangladesh was on an around 16.72%.

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2015-16 FY BEPZA’S Contribution to National Export 19.50%