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SETTING UP OF SPICE PARKS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up spice parks in the country to establish common infrastructure facilities for cleaning/grading etc. during the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such parks set up so far, location-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more such parks in the country, specially in the State of Jharkhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of States identified for setting up such parks;and
- (e) the extent to which these parks have helped in establishing common infrastructure facilities as envisaged?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) & (b) Government has approved establishment of Spices Parks to establish common infrastructure facilities in the major spices growing centers for cleaning, processing, colour sorting, grading & packing facilities etc., primarily to empower the spices farmers through value addition and quality improvement of spices. The proposed Spices Parks are (1) Puttadi in Idukki district, Kerala (2) Shivaganga in Tamil Nadu (3) Guntur in Andhra Pradesh (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) Jodhpur in Rajasthan (6) Gujarat. While the Spice Park at Puttadi is nearing completion others are at preliminary stages. In addition, a Spices Park at Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh is already functioning since February, 2009.

(c) to (e) Before approving a proposal for setting up of the spice park, a due diligence study/demand analysis is conducted to assess its desirability and requirement for particular area. Recently, a feasibility study has been conducted by the Spices Board for setting up of a Spices Park in Shivpuri/Guna in Madhya Pradesh. There is no such proposal at present for setting up of a spices park in Jharkhand. The spice park which has become operational in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh has helped the farmers in providing common facilities for the growers to bring their produce directly to the park for further processing.