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SPICES PARK
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding present status of various spices parks proposed and operational in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether any assessment has been made by the Government regarding the performance of these parks; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) 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. Beside these spice parks one park each at Guna, Madhya Pradesh and Ramganj Mandi, Rajasthan has been approved. While Spice Park at Puttadi is nearing completion others are at preliminary stage. In addition, a Spices Park at Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh is already functioning since February, 2009. Government is reviewing the progress of these parks on quarterly basis while reviewing the performance of the Board. Assessment can be carried out only when a few of these parks become operational for some time