

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the number of spices park that are functioning in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to set up spices parks in different parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, location wise; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) 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. At present two Spice Parks viz. Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh and Puttadi in Idukki district of Kerala have started functioning in the country. Establishment of Spice Parks is progressing in Jodhpur and Kota in Rajasthan, Sivagangai in Tamil Nadu, Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, Mehsana in Gujarat and Guna in Madhya Pradesh. Spices Board has set up Regional/Zonal offices in all these locations for coordinating the work related to the establishment of Spice parks.