

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPICE PARK IN KOTA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is facing stiff competition from many countries with regard to export of spices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that India is losing its market share of spices in many countries due to lower rates of spices in certain other spices producing countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has sanctioned for setting up of a spice park in Kota district of Rajasthan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the project?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. India is facing stiff competition from major competing countries like Vietnam, China, Guatemala, Indonesia, Nigeria, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria, Iran etc in different spices.
- (c) & (d) In the case of spices like Pepper, Cardamom, Ginger, Garlic etc., Indian prices are uncompetitive in the world market, the major reason being the high productivity and low cost of production in major competing countries. However, due to the intrinsic quality of Indian spices, the produce from India fetches a premium price in the world market.
- (e) & (f) Yes, Madam. The Government has given in principle approval for establishing the Spice Park at Kota under Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE) Scheme with a financial support of Rs.10.00 Crore. The Govt of Rajasthan has allotted 12.14 ha of land in Nimana village of Ramganjmandi, Kota District for setting up of Spices Park on a free hold basis. The Spices Board has entrusted the work to M/s KITCO, Ltd as the consultant of the project. The spices park at Kota is aimed at setting up of infrastructure and processing facilities for the Seed Spice, especially Coriander and Cumin.