

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast potential for increasing the production of spices in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage farmers in Rajasthan for growing spices; and
- (d) the assistance provided for the purpose during the last two years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Rajasthan has potential and natural advantage for production of spices particularly seed spices. The dry and cool climate and cloud free weather in winters favours growing of spices like coriander, cumin, fenugreek and fennel in different parts of the state. Intensive cultivation of spices is being promoted in following major districts:

- # Cumin – Barmer, Jalore, Pali, Jodhpur, Nagaur.
- # Coriander – Kota, Baran, Jhalawar, Bundi, Chittorgarh.
- # Fenugreek - Jaipur, Nagaur, Jhalawar, Kota, Baran, Banswara, Jhunjhunu.
- # Fennel – Sirohi, Tonk

Financial Assistance is being provided to the spice growers for quality seed, nutrient and plant protection management of spices under National Horticulture Mission (NHM). The level of assistance available to the spices grower in the State under these the schemes is as under:

- # Coriander and Cumin - @50% of the cost or Rs.5500/- per ha.
- # Fennel and Fenugree - @50% of the cost or Rs.4500/- per ha.

Under NHM, during 2009-2010 to 2011-12, an amount of Rs.347.34 lakh was provided to State Horticulture Mission, Rajasthan for cultivation of spices as per the State demand. Similar assistance is also being provided under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.