

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SPICES PARK AT GUNTUR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up Spices Park in Guntur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this direction so far;
- (c) the total investment made so far in setting up of this Spices Park in Guntur; and
- (d) the time likely to be taken to operationalise this Spices Park?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) : Government has approved establishment of a Spice park at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh at a cost of Rs 23 crores to empower the chilli farmers to have better price realization and wider markets for their produce. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had allocated 124.78 acres of land in Venkayalapadu and Maidavolu village, Edlapadu Mandal in Guntur district in favour of Spice Board, for setting up of this Spices Park. Currently the civil works and electrical works are almost completed. The installation of the plant & machinery for processing of Chilli is in progress and are as per schedule. 38 acres of land has been allotted to exporters for developing their own processing Units in the Park. So far an expenditure of Rs. 14.62 crores has been incurred on establishment of the Spice Park. Target for completion of the project is December, 2012.