

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether Spices Board has planned to set up Spice Parks in various parts of the country including Gujarat State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details regarding stage of completion of the aforesaid Spice Parks and the reasons for delay, if any?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Government has proposed to set up six Spices Parks to establish common infrastructure facilities for cleaning, grading, processing, packing facilities etc., primarily to empower the spices farmers through value addition and quality improvement of spices, along with backward linkage in various parts of the country, including Gujarat. They are at Guntur (Andhra Pradesh), Sivaganga (Tamil Nadu), Puttadi, Idukki (Kerala), Rajasthan, Gujarat and in Uttar Pradesh. Spice park at Puttady is near completion. The proposal for Spices Park in Gujarat has not made any headway because of difficulty in getting the required land.