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EXPORT OF SPICES

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

- (a) the total quantum of the spices exported from India during each of the last three years and the current year, value-wise and item-wise along with the foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (b) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government and the Spice Board of India to encourage export of spices during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up spices parks for improving/providing infrastructure facilities in various parts of the country particularly in major spice producing areas and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the present status of these proposals;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal to establish Spice Parks in the country to facilitate the farmers to give value addition to their spice produces and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and
- (e) the details of the workshops organized by the Spice Board in different parts of the country to promote the export of spices during the said period, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a) : The details of exports during each of the last three years and the current year are as given in the annexure-I.
- (b) : The Spices Board is implementing export promotion schemes wherein financial assistance is extended to exporters for infrastructure development in their processing units by installing hi-tech processing machinery and laboratory equipments to test quality parameters of spices. The Board is also extending financial assistance to exporters to participate in international fairs and business delegations, printing promotional literature, taking up international standard packaging, bar coding, sending business samples abroad, developing new high value added products and extending interest free loan to promote Indian brands abroad. Spices Parks and Quality Evaluation Laboratories have been established in various parts of the country to set up export clusters wherein all the essential common infrastructure of international standard is developed by the Spices Board.
- (c)&(d): Yes, Madam. Proposals have been received from various quarters including State Governments for setting up of Spices Parks from time to time. The details of Spices Parks completed and under process are given hereunder :-

Sl.No.	Spices park -Locations	Major items of spices	Present status
1.	Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh	Garlic and Chilli	Completed
2.	Puttady, Kerala	Cardamom and Pepper	Completed
3.	Guntur, AP	Chilli,	Nearing Completion
4.	Sivaganga, TN	Turmeric & Chilli	Nearing Completion
5.	Kota, Rajasthan	Coriander & Cumin	Works in progress
6.	Mehsana, Gujarat	Fennel, Cumin	Pending due to court case
7.	Raibareilly, UP	Mint	Work is going to start shortly
8.	Hamirpur, HP	Ginger	Process of taking over the land from CSK University is in progress
9.	Uttarakhand	Ginger and Turmeric	The project will be decided on the basis of the DPR.

In addition to the above, the Board had received proposals from the State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Karnataka for establishing the Spices Park for different Spices. Regarding the proposal of Arunachal Pradesh, the Government had identified land in the IGT & MS University at Ziro of Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh. The Board had initiated to conduct the techno-feasibility of the project. Regarding the proposal of Assam, the Assam Industrial Development Corporation (ASIDC) has identified land for establishing the Spices Park by ASIDC itself. ASIDC requested the Board to conduct the techno-feasibility and preparation of the DPR. The Board had also received request for establishing Spices Parks at Erode and Nizamabad respectively for processing & value addition of turmeric. The Board is looking at the feasibility.

(e) The Board is organizing many workshops, meetings, seminars from time to time related to the various issues of spices industry. The Board also participates in the workshops, seminars, meetings organized by other agencies, institutes, chambers of commerce to popularize the activities, schemes of the Board for the export development and promotion of spices. The details of major workshops conducted are given in annexure-II.