GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2980 ANSWERED ON:10.02.2014 SPICE PARKS Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

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

(a) the number of spice parks set up by the Government in different States, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up more such parks in the States to empower the farmers producing spices by having better price realization and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government and States are sharing the expenditure in setting up these parks;

(d) if so, the details thereof and total amount spent by Government on these parks and fund earmarked for 12th Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the number of proposals pending with Government for setting up such parks and present status thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a) & (b) Government has approved the setting up following parks in various parts of the country as detailed below :-

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Sl. Locations Major items of spices Remarks / Present status
No.
1 Chhindwara, MP Garlic & Chilli Completed
2 Puttady, Kerala Cardamom, Pepper Completed
3 Jodhpur, Rajasthan Cumin & Coriander Completed
4 Guna, MP
               Coriander & Seed Spices Completed
5 Sivaganaga, TN Turmeric & Chilli Completed
6 Guntur, AP Chilli Completed
7 Kota, Rajasthan Coriander & Cumin Nearing Completion
8 Rae Bareli, UP Mint Works commenced
9 Hamirpur, HP Ginger
                        Waiting for transfer of
       land from State Government
10 Sitarganj Ginger, turmeric & To be funded by State
   Chilli
             Government.
       Final Detailed Project
       Report will be submitted
       to the State Government
       shortly by the Spices
       Board.
11 Mehasana
                 Cumin, fennel & Some farmers filed a writ
   Fenugreek
                 petition in the Hon'ble
       High Court of Gujarat
       against land allotment and
       the same has been dismissed.
       Now, farmers approached
       the Hon'ble Supreme
       Court against the decision
       of the High Court. The
       matter is now pending
       with the Hon'ble Supreme
       Court.
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(c) & (d) The details of sharing of expenditure and total amount spent on each spices park till date is as given below:-

Estimated/Actual Estimated Sl Location Source of Fund Project Cost Expenditure as No (Rs Crore) on date (Rs Crore) 1 Chhindwara, Central 19.50 20.50 M.P Government 2 Puttady, Spices 27.00 24.50 Kerala Board 3 Jodhpur, Spices 28.00 25.00 Rajasthan Board 4 Guna, M. P Central Government 45.00 27.00 (for phase-I & II) Rs.26.50 for Ist phase 5 Sivaganga, T.N Spices Board 20.00 19.50 6 Guntur, A.P Spices Board (With 23.00 18.00 Assistance from StateGovt. & Central Government) 7 Kota, Rajasthan Central Government15.0010.008 Rae Bareli, U.P Central Government19.003.009 Hamirpur, H.P Central Government17.00(for P-I Nil Rs.6.00Cr) 10 Sitarganj, State Government Not known The project is to Uttarakhand be funded by State Government. Foundation Stone has been laid down. 11. Mehasana Spices Board Estimated cost Some farmers filed around Rs. 3.36 a writ petition in Crores the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat against land allotment and the same has been dismissed. Now, farmers approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the decision of the High Court. The matter is now pending with the Hon'ble Supreme Court

It is proposed that State Governments should support proposal for Spice Parks through grant of land, funding etc. The XII Plan proposals are for common infrastructure building and dovetailing from other schemes.

e) A few requests have been received from different quarters but none has been considered as feasible proposal.