

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF SPICES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is promoting cultivation of spices in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the incentive/assistance provided by the Union Government to cultivate spices in various States?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture promotes cultivation of spices through Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Rashtriya Krishi Vigyan Yojana (RKVY) in various States. Major development programmes taken up under these projects are production of quality planting material, area expansion, promotion of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), promotion of organic farming, creation of water resources, post harvest management, development of market yards, human resources development etc. The Spices Board under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is implementing development programmes for cultivation of small and large cardamom, development of spices in North- East, post harvest improvement schemes and social security programmes.

The MIDH and RKVY schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture are implemented in 30 States and 4 Union Territories.

(c): Under MIDH and RKVY, financial assistance is provided to the farmers to the extent of 40% of the normative cost of Rs.30000/- per ha. for seed spices and rhizomatic spices and Rs.50000/- per ha. for perennial spices towards meeting the expenditure on planting material, cost of material of INM and IPM and infrastructure cost. In case of North Eastern and Himalayan States, Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), Andaman and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance to the tune of 50% is provided.