

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2555  
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R D CENTRE FOR MEDICINAL USE OF SPICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has set up or proposes to set up any Research and Development (R&D) centre for studying the medicinal use of various spices;
- (b) if so, the details and the location thereof;
- (c) the time frame by which the proposed centre is likely to become functional;
- (d) whether the R&D centre also proposes to study the medicinal value of tobacco; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) : The Government has not set up any exclusive Research and Development Centre for studying the medicinal use of various spices. However, various Councils set up for Research in different streams of Unani, Siddha, Homeopathy, Yoga & Naturopathy and Ayurvedic sciences undertake research on medicinal plants which includes spices having medicinal value.
- (b) to (e): Not applicable.