

**Title: Need to set up a separate Board for chillies - Laid.**

SHRI Y.V. RAO (GUNTUR) : India is the largest producer of chillies in the world particularly those which have a special aroma and taste. Chillies are necessary ingredients in the culinary in India and chillies of India have a special attraction worldwide. Andhra Pradesh is a major chilly producing State and Guntur, which is my constituency, occupies the first place in our State. Even though much of the chillies produced in the country are consumed within the country, India also commands chilly exports. Besides Asian countries, Indian chillies are exported to most of the European countries.

In spite of this special status, chillies have unfortunately been clubbed with spices. For cultivating chillies, we need better inputs. There is also a need for adoption of latest technology and scientific methods. This is possible if there is an independent Board for Chillies.

I, therefore, request the Government to consider setting up a separate Board for Chillies.